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By Henry Stanhope

Insurers

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By David Hewson

20 per cent premium of the

Before the crisis, many

underwriters were accepting cover on the basis of a three to five per cent premium, but, according to the director

of the main brokers involved.

many businesses facing large losses because of a cancel-

Mr John Kelvey Brown, a director of the broking firm Adam Brothers Contingency Insurance, said yesterday: "Our market has now folded

up. Nobody is accepting the business.

Adams, thought to have handled the bulk of the contingency insurance for the visit, has placed £2m, compared with £12m spent on

contingency insurance for the Royal Wedding.

The EZm spent on the Pope's visit came mainly from large companies involved in the sale of mementoes. Mr Kelvey Brown said that catering firms and companies dealing with the travel arrangements for the

visit were among the larger

"A lot of people have a lot of money riding on this visit. They could be left with a lot of worthless trinkets and souvenirs on their hands,"

The £2m placed through Adams could represent a total loss of up to about £60m for the Lloyd's market in the event of a cancellation. But brokers now believe that the property would be much less.

pay-out would be much less. The companies would only

recompense manufacturers

for unsold stock, and sales could still reach healthy

requesting that today's session be held. Senor Raul

Quijano, the Argentine representative, denounced "the

grave situation posed by the presence and advance of the

British war fleet, which

includes nuclear submarines

and other nuclear elements,

within the region referred to in article 4 (of the Rio treaty), for intimidation and

belligerent purposes directed

against the Argentine Republic, its island territory and mainland and its people."

A vote on holding a

meeting of the special con-

sultative group reguires only a simple majority of the 21

signatories, and an OAS source said approval was

certain.

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groups still uncovered.

The £2m spent on the

lation remain uncovered.

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Lloyd's insurance under-

### Britain gains from EEC

Only West Germany was a net contributor to the EEC budget last year, according to revised figures from the European Commission. Britnin; benefiting from a special stop-gap rebate deal negotiand in 1980, received about 118m more from the Community than it paid in. The figures will put extra pressure on British nego-tiators, but they will say that freak conditions combined to mean Britain paid only £715m while receiving £733m. Farm deal, page 7

### Car bombing wave in Ulster

A wave of car bomb attacks A wave of car bomb attacks across Northern Ireland caused extensive damage soon after a police warning that the Provisionial IRA was intent on provoking more violence (Richard Ford writes.) Five car bombs and an incendiary device went off within an hour of each other. No one was thought to be seriously injured, although a number of people, including a policeman, were slightly hurt at Strabane, co Tyrone. A woman collapsed and had to be treated for shock when the biggest bomb exploded in the biggest bomb exploded in

### Trade talks aim to ease tension

Officials from the EEC, the United States, Japan and Canada will meet next month near Paris in and attempt to defuse growing tensions over world trade. The meeting will follow the style of the talks held at Key Biscayne, Florida, in January.

Racialism pledge Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Home Secretary, defended his pledge to dismiss police officers guilty of racialism, if he held office, despite strong protests from senior policemen Page 2

### Furs campaign

An animal protection group is to campaign against the sale of fur coats made from endangered species after a Manchester company was fined £750 for selling a leopard skin coat.

### **Oueen's Awards**

The first British company to ware to Japan is among 110 winners of this year's Queen's Awards for export and technology announced today. Awards were made to 19 firms for technological Page 16

### Labour pay deal A wage-bargaining deal is emerging from talks between party leaders and the TUC

which could make Labour's general election manifesto more attractive to the political middle groundPage 3

### **IBA post**



Mr John Whitney, age 51, managing director of Capital Radio, has been appointed to the £40,000 a year post of director-general of the Inde-pendent Broadcasting Authority in succession to Sir Brian Young. His appointment was welcomed by an industry spokesman as "in-teresting and imaginative"

### Page 2 Cricket shadow

The shadow cast by the Test ban on several of England's best players falls heavily across the new cricket sea-son, John Woodcock writes Page 19

Leader page, 13 Letters: On the Falklands, from Lord Jenkins of Putney, and others; damaged pave-ments, from Mr G Chainey; safeguarding countryside, from Mr Guy Somerset Leading articles: Falklands; Council rents Features, pages 9, 12

Roger Boyes considers the Polish paradox; walkers back on the warpath; British Rail's vision for the 1990s Obituary, page 14 Brigadier Frederick Baston Mr William Huntley

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# Pym off to US for talks on Britain's proposals

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Cabinet met for an on Monday night, and to withdrawal of the Argentine consider the nature of the forces must be unconresponse which is being ditional. Only a minority of fromulated in detail by Mrs the 20 or so MPs who Margaret Thatcher, the questioned him appeared to Margaret Thatcher, the questioned recognize with the Chief of Defence with the Chief of Defence which mer last night, is to deflecting deflecting format again today.

meet again today.
The Argentine proposals, which Mr Haig has transmitted but not endorsed, have not been disclosed. Nor was any indication available last night of the British Government's attitude beyond Mrs Thatcher's words to the House of Commons yesterday, when she said that she could not disguise that the Argentine proposals fell short, in some important respects, of the objectives and requirements as expressed in the Commons.

Parliamentary report Other Falklands news Leading article, letters 13

Mrs Thatcher added that, among the many problems which the Argentine proposals presented, was that they failed to assure that the Falkland Islandire should be able to determine their own

destiny.
Announcing Mr Pym's journey to Washington, Mrs Thatcher said that the Government regarded the Argentine proposals as a stage in the negotiating process which must now be continued. She told questioners that she believed Mr Haig to be "a good and appropriate negotiator", and she added that the Government remained committed to seeking a diplomatic solution "if one can possibly be found that is acceptable".

Last night ministers, while revealing nothing of the Argentine proposals, and continuing to emphasize the

British counter-proposals difficulty of building a soluto the latest Argentine proto the latest Argentine proposals for a settlement of the
Falkland Islands dispute are
to be sent to Washington
today. Mr Francis Pym, the
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Foreign Secretary, will fly
there tomorrow to discuss
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night The Cabinet met for an But Mr Pym, when he met hour last night to receive from Mr Pym an outline of the Argentine terms which the Argentine terms which the Argentine terms which told again and again that recognize that unconditional withdrawal might be unat-

There was praise afterwards for Mr Pym's skill in to keep the Union Jack flying deflecting challenging questions, but little willingness to allow him room for allow him room for month has brought Britain to RAF Brize Norton, with seven other marines captured on the Falklands themselves attack installations on the Argentine mainland, but be had little support.

Another, Mr Anthony Marlowe, argued that it would be bad for the morale of the armed services if the

of the armed services if the task force came back without having been used, for in-stance to take back the island

of South Georgia.

Mr Pym gave no ground, saying to Mr Marlowe that it might be best for morale if the troops came back, like the grand old Duke of York's man brying contributed to a men, having contributed to a diplomatic solution and with



# Politicians exploit divisions in junta

From Christopher Thomas, Buenos Aires, April 20

parties, which are not sup-rule. nosed to he active but are

restiveness and instructed tarian military regime, its General Alfredo Saint Jean, position would be far better the Interior Minister, to meet than it is now.

13 leading politicians today in "Had an elected governjunta's latest position.

leading politicians are privately mooting the idea of a
significant power despite its
transitional arrangement
under which civilian members of a new administration
would be chosen by some
form of limital values.

One or two Argentine newspapers have published cautiously-worded hints lands crisis and there is little doubt that all but a few continued on back page, col 4

met here this morning to

consider Argentine moves to invoke the 1947 Inter-Ameri-

can Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, otherwise known

as the Rio treaty, in the

Despite opposition from the United States, the OAS

was expected to approve a

request by Argentina to initiate prelimainary dis-

cussion on invoking the

"an armed attack by any

after Mr Alexander Haig, the

Secretary of State, arrived In a back in Washington from Francisco

Falklands crisis.

Argentina's military junta about the possibility of a is looking increasingly weak coup and the English lanand vulnerable amid perguage Buenos Aires Herald, sistent rumours of deep which consistently displays divisions over the Falklands great courage in its coverage great courage in its coverage of the Falklands crisis,

nevertheless asserting themselves over the need to of the last few weeks that had Argentina been ruled by the parties' worsteness and instructed tarian military regime, its It said: "There can be little

an attempt to placate them, ment been in power Great They have publicly chastised Britain's drive to recapture the regime for not keeping the disputed south Atlantic people properly informed of islands would probably have developments in the been far less intense than it.
Falklands and demanded an actually proved. The
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wards for Mr Fym's skill in deflecting challenging ques-tions, but little willingness to allow him room for manoeuvre. One backbench-er, Mr Winston Churchill, suggested that British V-bombers would have to



Their apparent disarray is published a leading article being exploited by political sharply attacking military

entine doubt that all but a few Polish visit, page 7
hints continued on back page, col 4 Falkland insurance, page 15

OAS to hear Argentina's case

From Nicholas Ashford and Mohsin Ali, Washington, April 20

Upon arrival at Andrews

Air Force base at 3.10 am

local time Mr Baig said his attempts to resolve the crisis

peacefully would continue and that his next step was to

await Britain's response to the latest proposal forwarded

That response reached

here this morning, just as the

with the announcement by

In a letter to Senor

Bustillo,

The 30-nation Organization Buenos Aires. He was due to Uruguayan chairman of the of American States (OAS) confer with President OAS's Permanent Council,

Reagan later today.

by Argentina.

treaty, which stipulates that OAS was starting its meeting,

state against an American Mrs Thatcher that the pro-state shall be considered as posals fell short of British

an attack all American objectives and that Mr states,"

The meeting began hours

after Mr Alexander Haig, the Washington on Thursday.

A young Royal Marine body else. Every man was officer yesterday described prepared to die for the how he and 21 others fought reasons that we were there.

on the Falklands themselves seen steaming towards the seen to descend from it", and 13 scientists of the shore and an Alouette heli-British Antartic Survey. copter appeared overhead. They bit the corvette more War.

He said that after two and 13 scientists of the house of heavy and continu. British Antartic Survey. hours of heavy and continuous firing between 10 and 15
Argentine commandos lay RAF onlookers gave them

Argentine commandos lay a hero's welcome, cheering dead, at least 20 more were and clapping as they stepped wounded, two helicopters had off the VC10, to be met by wounded, two helicopters had been shot down and a corvette so badly crippled by anti-tank rockets that it barely limped back to its mainland port.

Lieutenant Keith Mills, aged 22, from Amlwch, Governor of the Falkland Gwynedd, told a press conference at the Milisters of Argentine occupying troops.

Heros' welcome: Lieutenant Mills (centre) and his men are greeted by Sir Steuart Pringle (left) and Mr Jerry Wiggin

Marine describes South Georgia battle

copter appeared overhead.

After evacuating the British scientists to a nearby church, he went down to the tank rocket which fell 10 jetty to negotiate with the yards short but failed to Argentines, but retreated detonate and ploughed with his men to a defensive through the water to strike

have been achieved by any-body else. Every man was Falklands, when an Argen-prepared to die for the time officer landed at Grytvi-reasons that we were there, ken from the patrol ship prepared to land 100 yards walked down to the beach Falklands, when an Argen-helicopter with 20 comtine officer landed at Grytvi-mandos on board which ken from the patrol ship prepared to land 100 yards reasons that we were there, ken from the patrol ship prepared to land 100 yards and 1 was very proud of them."

He was speaking only bours after they had flown in to RAF Brize Norton, with seven other marines captured said. A corvette was then of the bay, "No marines were in the marines were in the marines was then of the bay, "No marines were in the marines were

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They also scored 66mm rocket hits on the vessel which returned to sea and soldiers from the helicopter, jumped out on landing and aimed his rifle.

Lieutenant Mills surrendered after the Argentines.

ference at the Ministry of Argentine occupying troops. aimed his rifle.

Lieutenant Mills surrenDeferice: "What we did at The battle of South GeorGrytviken I don't think could gia took place on April 3, a who opened the firing, howdespite losing a second

Office would come forward with a new Bill to implement

holding a coat with white lining and told the Argentine marine commander that he and his men had achieved

their main objective. "We had forced the Argentines to take South Georgia by military action. They could not possibly say that they marched in without any military resistance"; D Fifteen scientists still in

hiding on South Georgia are becoming increasingly wor-ried for their own safety (the Press Association reports). The group and two women film makers — Cindy Buxton and Annie Price — believe the Argentines may try to use them as a lever in negotiations, according to Dr

Ray Adie, deputy director of the British Antarctic Survey.

# MPs allowed three votes on return of hanging

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr William Whitelaw, the division of the House But Mr something which is not Home Secretary, has decided Whitelaw has decided that the expected, than the Home that the House of Commons rules should be altered. Office would come forward writers believe that the Pope's visit will be called off because of the Falklands crisis. By last night, only one underwriter was offering contingency cover against the cancellation of the tour and that was at the rate of a 20 per cent premium of the tour and last was at the rate of a constant of the cancellation of the tour and that was at the rate of a constant of the cancellation of the tour and that was at the rate of a constant of the cancellation of the tour and that was at the rate of a constant of the cancellation of the tour and that the House of Commons rules should be altered, because of the sensitivity of one-day debate, with as many such a unique issue.

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nal Justice Bill, which is now and four other national due to return to the Comnewspapers last month, askmons for its report stage. separate amendments; one to separate amendments; one to given another chance to vote reintroduce capital punishment for the murder of sharp increase in crimes of policemen and prison warders, another for terrorists against police.

The last vote on the death terrorist acts, and another penalty was taken in the armed robbers who

murder in the course of committing their crimes.

newspapers last month, ask-ing for public support for the Mr Vivian Bendall, Con-return of capital punishment. servative MP for Ilford, Mr Bendall said at the time North, last night tabled three that Parliament should be given another chance to vote

The last vote on the death penalty was taken in the Commons in July, 1979, when it was rejected by 362 votes

If the Commons decides to Normally, such amendments would not be allocated reverse that view on any of one day for debate and Mr Bendall's amendments,

three separate amendments because previous Commons votes had been across the board and that had proved an obstacle for some MPs who would have wanted capital punishment for the murder of policemen, but did not want to see the return of the death penalty for other murder offences. He said: "There are some MPs who do not want capital

punishment for terrorists, for fear of making martyrs He thought that majorities against capital punishment for terrorists and armed robbers, killing in the pursuit of their crimes, would be higher.

### **Doubts on** murder conviction

By Frances Gibb Serious doubts over the

conviction of Paul Cleeland, a Stevenage decorator serving a 20-year sentence for murder, are disclosed in a special investigation by The Times published today. Inconsistencies in

evidence and an extraordi-

nary sequence of errors in prison records have led MPs, lawyers and now an indepensupport the case for a retrial. The Home Office has already produced its own confidential report on the discrepancies, which it refuses to publish. Mr Bowen Wells, Conservative MP for Hernford and Stevenage, said yesterday that he was calling on the Home Secretary to release the report to

light on some of the very worrying aspects of this Case for a retrial, page 9

### Israeli curbs on Sinai reporting anger media

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, April 20 The Israeli Government spectacular protest suicides

has become involved in a may yet be averted. bitter clash with all sections In today's Hig of the media and with foreign journalists as a result of its determination to restrict Attorney that widespread reporting of the final evacumedia coverage would hinder ation of occupied Sinai.

halted for a minute to protest Begin personally told a at the military restrictions delegation from the influenat the military restrictions and today's newspapers appeared with a coordinated black space on their front pages in a similar protest. pages in a similar protest. The Prime Minister's stand ing Israeli editors and the ing Israeli editors and the local journalists' association was forcibly turned back at an Army roadblock where an Army roadblock where an attempted to enter casting freedom in Israel. It follows a dispute with the

Association against the new a seven-week Army barricade orders barring coverage of imposed on four Druze Arab the emotional Sinai evacu-villages in the annexed Golan ation, in which more than Heights.
2,000 diehards still have to be Even papers often symremoved. The association pathetic to the Government represents some 200 foreign reporters and television men working in Israel.

from the extreme right-wing security forces — disclosed Kash movement who have that 12 foreign journalists been threatening to commit from nine different countries mass suicide in a large air raid shelter which they have fortified and equipped with ments in the town. been threatening to commit emergency rations. Tomorrow, their Brooklyn-

born leader, Rabbi Meir death threat.

raised local hopes that the

Kahane, is expected to arrive from New York in a last-ditch effort to persuade his young followers to abandon their The protesters have refused attempts by Israel's two chief rabbis to rescind

their threat to commit suicide at 30-minute inter-vals. But the decision of Rabbi Kahane to travel personally to the bunker, nicknamed Masada, has

In today's High Court session, the judges accepted ation of occupied Sinai. the evacuation, which is
Last night Israel television's main news bulletin 20,000 troops. Earlier, Mr

inai without permits. follows a dispute with the Judges in the High Court Israeli newspaper editors and in Jerusalem rejected an the television company over appeal by the Foreign Press prohibitions on reporting of

have spoken out strongly. Today, the state-controlled fsrael Radio — whose own reporter described how he Among the Sinai protestors reporter described how he is a group of about 20 zealots had evaded capture by the

> The reporters issued a statement to the army threatening to resist eviction if they were not allowed to freely report the removal of

☐ The United States vetoed a Security Council resolution condemning recent shooting incidents on Jerusalem's Temple Mount as "appalling acts of Sacrilege". The vote was 14 in favour and one against but the negative vote by the United States killed the draft.

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survey was conducted Dr George Moyser of anchester University. The esults are published in the magazine of the synod's Board for Social Responsibility, Crucible.

### Chemicals were 'wrongly buried'

The decision to bury chemicals at Craigmillar in Edinburgh was wrong, it was admitted yesterday at a committee meeting to investi-gate the explosion they caused in a council refuse tip last month.

Dr Jag Cook, of the environmental safety group at Harwell, said it was unfortunate that the barrels from a demolished fireworks factory were buried together. It was likely that the combination of magnesium and sulphur had reacted and exploded. The last barrel was dug up last night.

### Island sold for £30,000

A Cardiff college principal Mrs Meinir Llewelyn, aged 39 was told yesterday that her bid of just over £30,000 had brought her the ownership of the 14 acre Sully Island 500 yards from the mainland, near Cardiff.

As she and the students at her private careers college celebrated with champagne, she revealed plans for a £250,000 health farm on the

### Third child dies after house fire A third child has died after

A third child has died after the fire which swept through a council house in Durham on Monday. Paul Grainger, aged 10 months, died at Middlesbrough General Hospital early today.

His brother Gary, aged five died in the fire at the family home in Cumbrian Place, Newton Aycliffe, and his sister Kathy, aged two, died soon afterwards. Action over cars

Motorists who park on the

### on pavements

pavement in central London could face prosecution and a bill for damages this summer. Westminster City Council has decided to enforce the law which makes it an offence to drive on to pedestrian areas.

The council said damaged

pavements were a big prob-lem, especially for the blind, handicapped and parents with pushchairs.

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others with as great a problem. Arthritis and a minor

stroke oblige her to use a walking frame. She is also

Kind neighbours helped on a rota basis, and meals on

wheels came three times a week. But for the rest Florrie

had to cope for months until finally a place in a

residential home was found for her. Others in similar great need aren't so lucky. Struggling with disability they

have also had to struggle at the very time when life

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**FEELING SORRY'S** 

# Hattersley firm on dismissal of racist police

Mr Roy Hattersley MP last would appear to be danger-night defended his promise ous and certainly unlikely to to dismiss policemen found result in a fair and just guilty of racialism if he decision", he added. becomes Home Secretary in Mr Jardine said: "We are the next Labour government, not condoming racial disafter fierce criticism from police leaders.

The decision is not decision, he added. "We are the next Labour government, not condoming racial disafter fierce criticism from police leaders."

Chief Supt John Keyte, code is effective for dealing national secretary of the with complaints of this Police Superintendents' kind."

Police Superintendents Kino.

Association, yesterday called the pledge frightening and said there was no justification for one group of workers to have a fixed penalty of dismissal hanging tures within society in situations where a community over their heads.

Mr Jim Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, which represented junior and (David Hewson writes).

which represented junior and middle-ranking officers, said he was in total disagreement with Mr Hattersley and welcomed the firm stand by the superintendents' organization.

(David Hewson writes).

It was optimistic for anyone to believe that community policing or the reintroduction of the man on the best could cure the sickness content of the man on the policing or the reserved and could cure the sickness content. Mr Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, said in a speech at the weekend that if he held office a police officer found guilty of racialist speech at the weekend that if he held office a police officer found guilty of racialist speech state of the shadow found guilty of racialist behaviour "will be a police

"In its broadest sense, the behaviour "will be a police officer no longer".

Last night he added: "I would have thought the police would have agreed with the views expressed by myself and Lord Scarman that the dismissal of officers found guilty of racialism is crucial to improving the term community policing implies the consent and cooperation of the community for police action. It also implies that tight-knit also implies that tight-knit communities sharing common values for the benefit of all, can be influenced towards good citizenship and thus have a direct bearing on the level of local crime, vandalism and disorder.

"However, what if the communal values are not supportive of law and order? In this case the police will be obliged to work against that community. Perhaps this is not so far-fetched as it sounds. crucial to improving the relationship between them and ethnic minorities in this

country".

Mr Keyte said: "The police service is united in its desire to rid itself of officers who are guilty of racialism and we do this under the existing discipline code.

The position of Home sounds.

Secretary carried a duty and responsibility to act as the final appeal court against are such—street crime, drug either a guilty finding or sentence under the discipline—that inevitably the police code. To commence a duty will come into conflict with with such strong convictions

### Commons seeks private money for MPs' offices

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The scheme was vetoed by the Prime Minister in 1980 because of the cost, then estimated at £122m over a decade. But a report issued by the Select Committee on House of Commons Services yesterday recommended that yesterday recommended that neighbouring Norman Shaw chester. the idea should be resur-

A resolution endorsed by Mr Francis Pym on March 30, when he was Leader of the House, agreed that a subcommittee should "undertake an inquiry into the feasability of, and the advantages derived from, securing the assistance of private funds, in whole or in part, of the implementation of Sir chairs.

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Hugh Casson's plans for the development of the Bridge Street site."

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Commons is to investigate the possibility of finding private finance to construct a Thames embankment and Cannon Row police station. The plans, for which cost £100,000, proposed a private backing is to be seven-storey, granite office sought, were presented to Parliament in 1979 by Sir flat for the Leader of the Hugh Casson and Mr David. Opposition, a riverside restaurant; they are for development of the Bridge Street site opposite the Commons and Big Ben.

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The Commons has spent

The Commons has spent £3.25m on refurbishing the Old Scotland Yard building, known, after the architect, as over recent years on a limited annual budget of £200,000 a year for two years.

should include the possibility of MPs taking over refurbished accommodation in Palace Chambers, part of the Bridge Street complex, "pending any other solution" to the shortage of office to the shortage of office space.

### Electricity men get wage claim warning

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter The Central Electricity Generating Board has warned its 60,000 industrial and white-collar employees that continued wage settlements at the level of the past few years will endanger the

Mr John Baker, the

board's commercial member, has told the industry's national house newspaper Power News that pay settlements this year can only worsen the board's position to the detriment of our staff". His comments may be seen by unions oficials as an attempt to influence the course of the present ballot among 35,000 manual workers on an 8.5 per

industry's future.

The board, however, appears more seriously con-cerned about the possible effects of a confrontation with its 25,000 power engineers who are dismayed about what they say is the erosion of differentials over their manual colleagues.

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Electrical Power Engineers' Association, told his union's conference or when the secretary of the secretary conference or selection.

ence earlier this month that industrial action was "very possibly unavoidable" if the Electricity Council, the em-ployers' negotiating body, failed to improve differentials. Mr Baker says in his

interview that over the last five years average earnings in the industry have rises faster than prices and elec-tricity costs, while the work-ing week has been cut to 37 ☐Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of

Mineworkers, yesterday promised backing for Kent miners in their fight to deep open the threatened Snowdown colliery. Mr Tom McGee, the union's mining engineer is to undertake an "appraisal" of the colliery with the aim of producing a plan to maintain at least 700 of the 850 jobs at the pit.

Union leaders representing the country's 17,000 ambulancemen rejected, as expected, a pay offer worth 5 per cent for this year. The ambulancemen will be asked to include the second of join industrial action called by the Confederation of Health Service Employees and recommended by the National Union of Public Employees. The offer is 4 per cent plus £1.3m for transfer-ring ambulancemen to "sala-Daily Mail members of the

National Union of Journalists have accepted a pay deal said by management to yield increases of between 5 and 7 per cent plus an extra week's holiday. Executives had to produce last Friday's issue because of 24-hour mandatory meetings of NUJ mem-bers in London and Manemployed at Lime Grove, Shepherd's Bush, West Lon-

don, on current affairs Yesterday's services committee report also suggeste that the new investigation should include the possibility of MPs taking over refurbished accommodation in Palace Chambers mart of the



### Anger over command bunker on trust land

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent Embarrassed leaders of the National Trust face two criticizms of its willingness to accept the bunker in a field on the edge of the 1,100-

The National Trust has decided to allow the Ministry of Defence to build an underground bunker on its land, to house the main communications centre for the air defence of the United Kingdom. The decision has plunged the trust into deep internal controversy, with some members calling for a special meeting to have the

decision reversed.

The trust declined comment yesterday about its long bargaining with the ministry but it is understood to be ready to sign a lease with strict conditions. These with strict conditions. These are thought to involve access for lorries during building and restoration of the steep Chiltern landscape, once construction has finished.

The bunker, which will be covered by a mound 30ft high, will replace the 40-year-old, underground communi-

old underground communi-cations centre at nearby RAF High Wycombe. The new unit will provide a command headquarters for RAF Strike Command and for the Nato commander of United King-

was acquired 25 years ago. Some of its million mem bers consider the move to be a political alignment of the trust with Nato's nuclear defence policy. Others fear that it will weaken the protection of the trust. The trust was given the Bradenham estate on condition that it applied its unique power to make it impossible to sell or splir it without the per-mission of Parliament. The trust has since disclosed that it would have preferred not to give full protection to parts of the estate, including the field where the bunker will be built.

It is satisfied that the fear of conservationist about the

acre Bradenham estate which

environmental impact of the hole needed for the bunker are unjustified. The water table is far deeper than the hole at 85 metres, so that pumping out will not be necessary.

### 'Innovative' IBA chief

By Kenneth Gosling

Mr John Whimey, the companies providing promanaging director of Capital grammes and facilities for both radio and television. He appointed to the £40,000 a was a leading figure in the year post of director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, is one of the radio industry's most colourful rharacters.

Capital Radio's chairman said the company would miss hid colourful characters. His name had not been listed among the half-dozen

candidates for the job, but in becoming only the third director-general of the authority, succeeding Sir Brian Young next October, he will be warmly welcomed from all sides of radio and television.

Mr Whitney, aged 51, became managing director of Capital Radio in 1973, having earlier been associated with

the company would miss his guidance and "and the inno-vative flair he lavished on the

Before joining Capital Radio Mr Whitney, who is married to former ballet dancer Roma Duncan and has two children, formed companies responsible for such television successes as Upstairs, Downstairs, Danger UXB and The Flame Trees of

form of the rating system that will give business people

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of £750,000

Five leading film and video companies have lost £750,000

through an operation based

around a video conterfeiting "factory", the High Court was told yesterday.

The factory, above a betting shop in Northampton, contained 46 recorders producing contained as the state of films such

ducing copies of films such as Superman, 10, and Water-ship Down, Mr Robin Jacob, QC, told the court. They seized under a court order by

In what is thought to be

the biggest case of alleged

video piracy so far, more than a dozen individuals and companies have been bound

by a variety of undertakings and court orders granted over the last formight not to

coatinue their operations or

remove any assets. New orders were made by Mr

the companies' agents.

Sale to test

art market

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

An important Renaissance portrait which cannot be exported from Britain is to be offered from Britain is to be offered for sale at Sothe-by's today. It is an unpre-cedented test of the internal art market. The painting above is a portrait attributed to Alessandro Allori of a handsome young Florentine holding a cameo.

holding a cameo.
It as acquired by Baron Mayer Amschel de Rothschild in the nineteenth century, passed through the marriage of his daughter Haman to the Rosebery collection, and was thus among the treasures of Memmore auctioned by Sotheby's for Lord Rosebery in 1977. The price then was £38,500

The Government had combed The Government had combed the Mentmore collection for "national treasures" before the auction and it was a fair assumption that the rest could be freely exported. Not so. Mr Bradford Walker, of Long Island, United States, purchased the Allori and applied for an export license. It was refused, to allow It was refused to allow British institutions two months to find the purchase

A two-month stop is exceptionally short and an indication that this was not an important political issue. The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, found the purchase price, however, and offered to buy. Mr Walker refused to sell. Under the rules the Re-

viewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art were then operating, the penalty for that was an indefinite export ban. That appears to mean that the committee will not consider reopening the case until 1987, save for some material change in circum-

### Tracing the origin of ancient artefacts

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By the staff of "Nature" Traces of lead and ancient copper and bronze artefacts are revealing the origins of the metal from which the objects were made, two Oxford archaeol-

ogists have announced.

Noël Gale of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy and his wife Zofia Stos-Gale of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, have developed a technique which makes use of the socalled "isotopic compo-sition" of the lead traces. ent mines have different

isotopic compositions, so an investigator can dis-tinguish which mine produced the metal contained in a particular object.
"Isotopic compositions"
are an advance on previous

methods of trace metal analysis because they are unaffected by chemical treatment, such as the smelting which reduces an smelting which reduces an ore to the metal.

Isotopes are atoms of exactly the same chemical nature, but slightly different weights (they have differing numbers of neutrons in the atomic nucleus). These weights can be distinguished by modern techniques, but were all treated alike by ancient

rechnology. Previously the Gales have worked with Aegean silver, which contains large lead impurities, and have shown that much of it came from a single mine: Laurion in Attica. The dominance of the Laurion silver mine in classical times was known from historical evidence, but it was a surprise to find that it also played a major role much earlier. But a greater surprise

has come with the Gales' work on copper and bronze (which is technically more (which is technically more difficult as the lead content is much smaller). They find that of 22 Aegean artefacts analysed, half also came from Laurion. It was previously unknown that Laurion played a great role in copper production as well as in silver.

The great prize now The great prize now,

Justice Whitford yesterday, who also ordered a company of distributors to disclose details of tape sales, worth £104,000, to the operation.

The companies bringing however, must be the analysis of the ox-hide ingots of copper, which are found in Cyprus, Crete, Turkey, central Greece, Sicily, and Sardinia, and are also seen in Egyptian tomb paintings. These repthe action are all members of the British Videogram Association which claims that more than half the pre-recorded video tapes sold in Britain are pirated. resented a major Bronze Age trade in metal; but there is still great controversy over the origin and movement of the ingots. Applied to them, the Oxford isotope method may

produce yet more archaeo-logical surprises. page 11) 1982. O Nature-Times News Service, (1982).

# Fewer opt education

By Diana Geddes Education Correspond

Education Correspondent
The number of pupils attending the 1,300 public and preparatory schools belonging to the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) has fallen for the first time since the service started carrying out its national census eight years ago.

Figures released yesterday by Isis, which represents half of all independent schools in Britain and three-quarters of the pupils, imiticate that the total number of pupils at member schools fell this year by about 4,000 to just over 400,000. The drop might have been much bigger had there not been an addition for the first time of nearly 5,000 pupils under the Government's assisted places scheme
Mr Tim Devin, director of

ment's assisted scheme Mr Tim Deviin, director of Isis, pointed out that the 4,000 reduction represented a drop of only 1 per cent compared with a drop in the total school population of 2½ per cent, but conceded that the independent schools with their predominance of pupils in social classes 1 and II, were probably less affected by the fall in the birth rate than state schools. The drop is to be expected in view of increasing in-flation and the fact that many

parents' pockets have been hit by recession and redun-dancies", Mr Devlin said. "If is surprising that numbers is surprising that numbers is surprising that numbers have held up as well as they have done, and encouraging that they appear to have held up well in the sixth form.

The survey indicates that average fees at Headmasters (Conference (HMC) schools (the top 210 predominants)

(the top 210 predominantly boys' public schools) are now just over £3,300 a year for boarding

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### Tory 'money back' pledge to voters lope schools and colleges, only for those candidates (David Walker writes). Mr Neil Kinnock MP, the form of the rating system LOCAL

power in Manchester at the city council elections next

city council elections next month, every ratepayer will be given a rate cut of 10 percent, the party promised yesterday (our Manchester Correspondent writes).

Councillor Cecil Franks, leader of the Conservative group, said his party was committed to reversing the rate increase introduced this month by the controlling Labour group. The Tories' election slogan would be: "Vote Conservative and get your money back."

The money would be found

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promise to close three big council departments — planning, architects and estates — and pass to the private sector the management of property, houses, land, street cleaning and refuse services and other council services. They believe that private enterprise will be cheaper and provide a better service.

"We are not seeking a confrontation with the trade unions," Councillor Franks

The money would be found by halving the council's planned capital spending programme and, speeding up sales. About 7,000 people London electors were yeswanted to buy their council terday exhorted to vete for

Mr Neil Kinnock MP, the Labour Party's education spokesman, told a press conference that "in spite of severe cuts, the Labour controlled outer London authorities have managed to sustain levels of educational party will have more candisustain levels of educational provision better than their Tory counterparts."

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He quoted comparative figures showing that most of the London education authorities controlled by Labour employed more teachers; provided more nursery classes; and supplied free milk to younger children after the Government stopped subsidizing it.

(The Press Association reports). Returns show that there will be 1,309 candidates for the 410 contested seats for 12 regional and islands authorities. Another 110 candidates have been returned unopposed.

For both England and Scotland the total of candidates for contested seats is 15.690.

wanted to buy their council terday exhorted to vote for Private employers should Scotla Labour councillors as people urge their employees to vote dates

The Conservatives also who would protect and deve- in the m municipal elections 15,690

# Lothian: Rates loom large in cliff-hanger

From Jonathan Wills, Edinburgh

support grant, imposed by the Secretary of State for

Lothian's Labour administ-ration, battered by internal for Lothian claims that most disputes on tactics over the domestic ratepayers will be cuts, is nonetheless confident asked to pay less than 40p a that it will be returned with week extra for the partial an increased majority to restoration of the services confound the Government which have been most badly and vindicate the council's damaged by the cuts. For policy of high spending on example, home helps will be areas of social need.

impressive organization but it cial property probably have needs to make a big break- some effect. "excessive and unreason-able" council spending which issues, the national appeal of had led to a 250 per cent the Alliance after Hillhead rates increase over four may not be quite enough.

the Secretary of State for Scotland as a punishment for "excessive and unreason-contest dominated by local cars out of the city centre, able" council spending which issues, the national appeal of while Mr Mulvey and his supporters point out that Edinburgh's cheap and fre-quent bus service brings more customers into the big

stores.
Privately, some Labour councillors are worried more by the Scottish National Party than by the Alliance. The SNP budget proposals for Lothian differed little from those of Labour and

"No, I don't think it will be more bitter than usual," Councillor John Mulvey says, cliff-hanger and there are surveying the battlefield for the Lothian Regional Council elections on May 6. Mr Mulvey should know. He is secretary of the Labour group which is defending a majority of one seat.

Disputes with central Government culminated last year in a f30m cut in rate support grant, imposed by meeds to make a big break
Others are not so sure. The client is the clectors as serted their right not to be taxed above what they can afford. They say that "the great rates robbery" is driving business out of Edinburgh's city centre. A depressingly large number of empty shops supports this claim, although Labour says that high rents of commercial property probably have some effect.

The Conservatives say it is time that the electors asserted their right not to be taxed above what they can afford. They say that "the great rates robbery" is driving business out of Edinburgh's city centre. A depressingly large number of empty shops supports this claim, although Labour says that high rents of commercial property probably have some effect. omy, then they are in serious

Labour, called big over-spenders by the Lothian Ratepayers Action Group that the Government picked the fight in the first place. Councillor Mulvey plans to use a barrage of statistics in

the campaign, including the calculation that the Government's share of local authdropped from 62 per cent of the total to 43 per cent in six

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### Reservoir inquiry for third time

A third public inquiry opened in Devon yesterday into the plan to build a 700-designed to make Labour's achieved.

A deal on wage bargaining others that we have not yet designed to make Labour's achieved.

Mr Basnett, who is strongly influencing talks aimed at into me paid to build a 700-acrs reservoir at Roadford, to the west of Dartmoor (Craig Seton writes). Years of uncertainty have

surrounded the plan and farming interests remain opposed to the use of farming interests remain opposed to the use of agricultural land for the scheme which was originally intended as part of the South West Water Authority's strategy up to the year 2011. The public inquiry, at Okehampton, was ordered by Mr. Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. Although he now accepts that the resernow accepts that the reservoir should be at Roadford, he has asked that its size should be reconsidered and that is the only issue now to be decided.

Ar yesterday's hearing, however, Mr Peter Mills, Conservative MP for West Devon, asked the inquiry inspector to recommend that the reservoir should not be on valuable farmland. The Dartmoor Preservation So-ciety is keeping a watching brief.

### Southend cells for skinhead

A new approach to sentencing Bank holiday trouble makers was adopted by Southend magistrates yesterday. Instead of being fined heavily or sent to prison one young London skinhead was ordered to stay in the local police cells until Saturday to give him time to reflect on give him time to reflect on his helperiors s behaviour.

Gary Guymer, aged 17, unemployed, of Nelson Road, Clapham Common, who gave Nazi salutes on the seafront last Easter Monday, pleaded guilty to threatening behav-

### Playing boy was hanged by chain

An accidental death verdict was recorded at an inquest at was recorded at an inquest at Hornsey yesterday on Jeffrey Atkins, aged 14, of Burford Gardens, Palmer's Green, London who hanged himself with a chain attached to a loft ladder while playing.

Alexander McGuire, aged 14, with whom he had been playing, of Caversham Avenue, Palmer's Green, said he warned Jeffrey of the

he warned Jeffrey of the

# Prince to dive

The Prince of Wales will make two dives next week, making a total of 10, to the Tudor warship Mary Rose Hampshire, in 1545. He will be accompanied by the for-mer King Constantine of Greece who has also dived on the wreck before.

The Prince's visit coincides with the start of a month's archaeological excavation by 26 volunteer divers.

### ITV pays £4.5m for 'Superman'

Independent television is buying the first two Superman films for \$4m (about £2,260,000) each. They will be screened next year in a package of six box office successes.

Jams set a record commer-cial television of 23 million and Close Encounters of the Third Kind was seen by 15,500,000 viewers at Christ-mas. The independent chan-nel also has Star Wars and Jaws II in its line-up.

### Wheelchair boy dies in river

A handicapped boy drowned yesterday after his wheelchair slipped into the River Trent at Stoke Bardolph, near Nottinghain. The body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy, who was not as the body of the boy who was not as the body of the boy. named was recovered, still in the wheelchair, from 10ft of water by a team of police frogman. Police are investi-gating how the tragedy hap-pened.

### Orkney bells on sea voyage

The three bells of Orkney's 800-year-old Cathedral of St Magnus have been shipped to the mainland for restoration after being lowered 90ft from the tower.

The two smaller bells were cast in Edinburgh in 1528. The largest, which weighs 1,420lb, was recast in Amsterdam in 1682. The restoration work will be carried out by the foundry firm John Taylor of Lough-borough (Leicester).

### Research jobs saved

Two of Britain's top agricultural research stations, due to be closed or phased due to be closed or phased down, have been spared, but an unqualified person to attend a woman in childbirth, Animal Breeding Research Organization at Edinburgh Organization at Edinburgh necessity, but recent pros-and 47 at the Long Ashton ecutions under the Act are Research Station in Bristol. Originally 250 jobs were to

### Airlift for seaman

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A Chinese seaman with a Regional Health Authority discusses the diffihead injury was airlifted to culties in getting a successful hospital in Canterbury by prosecution and gives advice helicopter yesterday after an incident on board a Panaman nian refrigeration ship in the current of the state of the st prosecution".

# Labour designs a wage deal for all workers

From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Perth

cal middle ground is taking shape in talks between party leaders and the TUC.

The conference went on to approve its traditional stance of opposition to incomes policies. Delegates overwhelmingly approved a resolution tabled by the left-wing led Technical Administrative. and Supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers that Engineering Workers that argued against wage controls, but moderate members of the TUC General Council were last night arguing privately that this formal policy decision by the STUC would not halt the talks with the Labour Party at national

committee, argued that it was essential to achieve flexible understanding on wages with Perth as Mr Sidney Weighell, a prospective Labour government to meet the require. National Union of Railwayments of different groups of men, insisted that Labour's workers within the framework of a nationally nego- encompass wages", he said. tiated economic policy.

The main elements of such a

Greater stress on comparabigovernment employees and collective bargaming."
the private sector, possibly The STUC condemned by means of the Clegg government policies on the

Mr. Basnett told The Times: We have to talk about priorities in the distribution of the gross national product, but there is no case for a rigid, structured incomes policy. There is a very strong case for accepting trade union involvement in an

reaching an agreement for an early election manifesto, added: "The essential thing is to build up an understanding which allows negotiators the flexibility they need to solve their individual needs while taking account of the agreed national economic assess

"Failure to do this and to attempt to introduce a rigid incomes policy would, as it has always done, blow up in the faces of the government and the trade unions after two years." two years."

Those moves towards as incomes policy have attracted hostility from the left. In an unpublicised clash during the inpublicised class during the TUC economic committee meeting two weeks ago, Mr Ken Gill, Communist leader of the engineering white collar workers, accused moderate unions of working the control of the engineering white collar workers, accused moderate unions of working the control of the engineering working the engineering the engin would not halt the talks with the Labour Party at national level.

Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC ecnomic committee, argued that it was essential.

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Delegates unanimojusly endorsed the 15-point alternadeal now under discussion tive ecomomic strategy which are:

Mr Wieghell said would not deal now under discussion are:

An extension of the principle of pay indexation — already operating for the firemen — in the public sector so that the pay of key workers is tied to salary movement in private industry.

Trade union involvement in important Treasury decisions retary-elect of the Union of Communication Workers, who teld the conference: who teld the conference: Greater stress on comparabi"You know as well as I do
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Influencing union nego-tiators in the private sector impoverishing millions of to take account of the effect people and called for the on prices of their wage early return of a Labour-demands. government committed to the alternative economic strat-

That strategy would involve capital exports; plan-ning agreements with "teeth"; further nationaliza-tion and an extension of the National Enterprise Board; immediate and substantial reflation; increased public investment in housing, railtrase for accepting trade union involvement in an amund economic assessing influence bargainers.

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Trade unions will be seeking, as well, legislation for manufacturing inform a Labour government to provide minimum conditions

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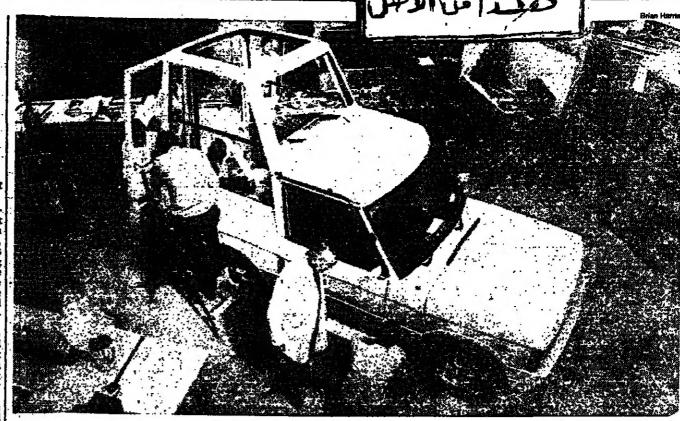
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Engineers from Ogle Design, Letchworth, converting a Range Rover to carry the Pope during his visit. The vehicle is one of two to be fitted with bullet-proof windows and armour plating, and will be used in the procession to accompany the six-wheeled Popemobile.

# Police investigate burning of papal dais

Police are investigating a fire hich yesterday destroyed a which yesterday destroyed a specially constructed dais in Pontcanna Fields, Cardiff from which the Pope was to have addressed an expected 350,000 people on the last day of his view to Parise of the Last day of his visit to Britain (Tim Jones

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Three youths were seen running away from the dais which had almost been completed at a cost of £115,000. Yesterday, forensic scientists were sifting through the embers. Until the attack security patrols had guarded

the structure until the late evening, but now a 24-hour guard will be mounted as it is rebuilt. Mr John Mumford, groundsman at

the fields said: "There was damage to the dais last week. Someone tried putting tar on the panels and tried to light fires near it."

Det Chief Supt Don Carsley, head of the South Wales CID said: "We are treating this as an act of criminal damage and would like to interview the three youths who were seen running away."

Cardiff has a large Roman Catholic community which is fully integrated into its society and there have been few public misgivings about the papal visit.

Doubts still remained yesterday whether Harlech Television would be able to proceed with its ambitious plans to cover the event after the refusal by members of the association of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians to complete identity forms as requested by the church authorities.

### Dispute over Salerno mutiny

### New challenge to ministry's version of events

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

"The Ministry of Defence was challenged yesterday over its version of wartime events almost 40 years ago which, it issued with its recent decision not to grant a pardon to 189 British soldiers convicted of mutiny at Salerno,

Controversy over the men's case has been revived since a BBC television documentary in February highlighted their plight. They were part of a contingent of 1,500 of General Montgomery's 8th Army troops brought from North Africa as reinforcements to assist the 46th and 56th
Divisions in the crucial battle
at Salerno for a foothold on
the Italian mainland.
The television programme
alleged that the men had
been recovering from

provide minimum conditions North Sea oil, reduced arms admitted disobeying a senior returning some things we spending, a weath tax and have already lost and giving cheaper energy for industry.

The case was raised with the Ministry of Defence by MPs after the programme was screened. Mr Jerry Wiggin, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, concluded in a letter to Mr Afred Morris, Labour MP for Wanniers. Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, earlier this month that, after research by officials, there were no grounds for reopening the

official records held by the Ministry to suggest that the men were misled about their eventual destination, and that no evidence had been brought forward that any of

tenged in letters sent to the ministry by Mr Morris from Mr Alan Patient, producer of the BBC documentary, and the BBC documentary, and the morris from the morri

from Mr P. D. Rayner, of Lee, who was the main Gillingham, Kent, who was a prosecution witness at the

rously let down by the "We on the ship were

In an account of the events completely amazed at the Mr Wiggin said there was state of those troops and to a nothing in the contemporary man we knew they would proceedings of the trial or in never be any good as a

chart below, speak for themselves.

young Royal Marine in HMS
Scylia, one of the ships that
took the men to Salerno.
Mr Rayner, stating that the
soldiers had been treachewas to be told.

Mr Patient suggests that authorities, says they were the ministry documents "silhouettes of men" sufferabout the despatch of the ing from shell-shock and reinforcements are "possibly

On the vital point concerning injuries, Mr Patient again state of those troops and to a man we knew they would on film: "We don't know never be any good as a what orders were given to the fighting force", Mr Rayner commandant of the 155 transit camp (from where the inforcements were drafted) fighting force", Mr Rayner transit camp (from where the transit camp (from

### Authors to get rights payments in autumn

By Kenneth Gosling

Preparations are well advanced for a start by the autumn on Britain's first public lending right (PLR) scheme, enabling authors to be paid according to Preparations be paid according to samples of loans from 16 public

The Lords approved the scheme on Monday, as an order breathing life into it is being prepared. When that, together with the scheme itself, is completed in the next fortnight it will be aid before the Commons and PLR brought into immediate effect.

effect.

By that time the PLt office in Stockton-on-Tee, will have explanatory material telling authors bow to apply for registration under the scheme.

Mr John W. Sumsion, the registrar, has formed an advisory committee which has its first meeting next It is also expected to be

known soon, which 16 libraries will be the first to launch the loan sampling.

A difficulty in the last few months has been the design and development of a com-puter system for the scheme. The computer, now undergo-ing tests for delivery later this year, will hold lists of authors and their eligible books and be able to accommodate the data from the sampling libraries to work

out payments each year.
Once publicity and information facilities have been set up, the aim will be to open the register in September, followed by the start of loan recording in January. That process ends in June when a six-month sample has been assembled. Authors' entitlements will then be worked out either by doub-ling the loans or the rate per loan to represent a complete

For about two months the figures will be calculated to ensure that authors receive their maximum entitlement and to see that the registrar underspends not overspends. Each year, in the autumn, as the Act demands, Parliament will approve the rate per the ministry documents loan. In the last quarter of about the despatch of the financial year, between reinforcements are "possibly January and March, payments will be made.

The amount initially available to recompense authors is £2m but that may be increased. No author will be able to earn more than £5,000

Exeter Forest his mortgage goes down. (Our Exeter Correspondent writes.)

When Mr Barber, an Exet-

# Tocsin sounds for the barn owl

By Tony Samstag

The barn owl is one of nature's emblems: when most people think about owls at all, something very like a barn owl is probably what they see.
More's the pity, then, that
the World Wildlife Fund
should be sounding the

tocsin for this of all spe with the announcement that its numbers are decreasing "at an alarming rate in Britain and much of Europe" with a population crash imminent if not inevitable.

launched a nest-box scheme for barn ewis. "Undoubtedly one of the underlying causes of their disappearance is that many traditional nest sites in very old trees and derelict buildings have been lost", the society writes. "Brick and timber barns are being replaced by modern steel-

framed strutures."

Midwives and doctors have been given instructions on how to gather evidence to

help in the prosecution of unqualified people who help in childbirth at home.

Under section 9 of the 1951

except in a case of urgent

A memorandum sent to

district health authorities last

very rare.



Not so coincidentally, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has

burgh University, sees the trend to monoculture cereal production, the removal of hedges and the reclamation

framed strutures."

Statistics are incomplete but dire. One survey completed in the early 1970s suggest that the number of barn owls in Britain might have halved in 40 years. Later studies have shown the rate of loss accelerating in the past decade or so. Intensive farming and the use of pesticides are also blamed for the decline mortality. "Mortality of adult barn owls seem to occur mostly in winter coincium with prolonged periods of deep snow cover", he says.

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The Tatle of Tatl pesticides are also blamed for the decline.

Dr Taylor thinks lowland areas are probably more promising for a nest-site scheme, and he suggests that the large plastic drums

available on most farms might make suitable nest boxes. Old barrels and packing cases would also serve, according to the RSPB, which offer advice and instructions for installing them.

In 1976 there were thought to be between 4,500 and 9,000 pairs of barn owls in the British Isles. Most farmers, who in the past have wel-comed the birds as natural agents of pest control, would probably consider these figures as optimistic as they are

An irony of the nest-site scheme is that those who participate in it could inadvertently be breaking the

hedges and the reclamation of rough ground and wetlands as contributing to a further loss of habitat.

His studies have also uncovered a curious relationship between habitat and and if you intend to visit mortality. "Mortality of adult your nest boxes, you must boxe and to occur obtain a special government." obtain a special government

"If you see that the box is occupied early in the breed-ing season, it is probably best to watch from a safe dis-tance, thus avoiding disturb-ing the birds and the needs to become involved in such legalities."

Details of the scheme are available from RSPB, 10 Richmond Road, Exeter, large plastic drums Devon EX4 4 IA.

### Shop fined over leopard

Animal lovers are launch-ing a national campaign to

group's European secretary, posed as a potential customer and got a written estimate of the coat's price from a shop

The estimate was used in evidence in yesterday's pri-vate prosecution brought by the group against the Bank ruptcy Fur Company, the

tion will be forever. This trade is a further step towards the total annihilation of endangered species."

The company admitted the offence and reseived a fine of

this was not a conspiracy to get round the act, to flout the law nor to endanger any animals."

Mr Lindsay said that the case allowed his 5,000 memnational campaign to stop the animals,

He said: "Most in danger are the big cats—the leopard, tiger and panther.

export to Europe. But now our members will be calling

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# Midwives asked to help in prosecutions

By Jeannette Mitchell

wifery. Miss Irene Ward, the obtain prosecutions," board's acting secretary, said: "Unattended births are on the increase. We have alerted the health authoritiesand have encouraged them to

do something about it."
Oranizations campaigning for improved maternity services suggest that the num-ber of unattended births is growing, because in some parts of the country health authorities no longer allow midwives to attend home

bility for regulating mid- she is being asked to help The decline in home births

is in line with government

The move follows pressure decide to do without them. I from the Central Midwives think it is a degradation of Board, which has responsithe role of the midwife that

policy which for the past ten years has favoured all babies being born in hopital. In the past two years, however, there has been a growing recongnition by some health authorities that home deliveries should be available to women who want them.

The move to secure more births.

Mrs Sheila Kitzinger, a the Royal College of Midelading advocate of natural wives but opposed by the childbirth, said: "If the Association of Radical Midwomenhad access to support- wives, representing midwives have the necessary documents for sale."

# skin coat From Our Correspondent

ing a national campaign to stop illegal trading in furs after the successful pros-ecution yesterday of a fur shop for trying to sell a leopard skin coat. The coat, priced at £3,999, was seen in the window of

Manchester, by a member of the Protection and Conser-vation of Animal and Plantlife group (PCAP).

Mr Daniel Lindsay, the

assistant.

shop's owners.

Mr Brian Woodhams, for the prosecution, told Liverpool magistrates: "People in this country and throughout the world are desperately the world are desperately concerned about the whole sale slaughter and destruc-tion of animals whose extinc

traive error left the firm open to prosecution. "This coat existed before the 1976 Act and it was offered for sale without a licence. But

bers in Britain to launch a sale of all coats made from the skins of endangered

"Many skins are smuggled into Britain and made up into coats for sale here and for

# Pyro Washington: sn's in Argentine plan

the Secretary of e for and Common-ith is, is going to bin the United States in on the future of in Islands, Mrs Mar-ticher, the Prime announced during time in the Commons.

e from the House the fact the latest Argentinian tals put before the Governfell short in some important cts of the objectives and irements as expressed by the

that the proposals failed to provide that the Falkland Island-ers should be able to determine their own destiny and the House had always said that the wishes of the islanders were paramount. Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, said he wished Mr Pym well in his visit to the United States.

The exchanges began when Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan, L) asked: In view of the seriousness of the situation in and around the Falkland Islands, has the Prime Minister any plans to invite leaders of all the political parties in this House to Downing Street for discussions?

Mrs Thatcher: I have no such plans at present. We take it as our duty to keep the House as a as fully informed as

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C):
Will Mrs Thatcher undertake to
consider any proposals from the
Argentine with great caution,
hearing in mind that if an
aggressor is even half compensated for his aggression, it will
be an encouragement to others to be an encouragement to others to behave likewise?

Mrs Thatcher: I take Mr Gardiner's point. It has been made strongly and on all sides. We shall, of course, try to seek a diplomatic solution but we have that the Argentine proposals at present before us fall short, in some important respects, of the objectives and requirements as expressed in this House.

expressed in this House.

Mr Michael Foot: When will she
be reporting to this House, in
accordance with what she said,
about these proposals, what they
sre, what they officially are, and
about the Government's views?
Are they supported by the
United States Administration or
was General Haig merely acting
as intermediary in this matter?
Mrs Thatcher: The proposals are
Argentine proposals. We are Mrs Thatcher: The proposals are Argentine proposals. We are grateful to Mr Haig for his patience and stamina over the proposals, both in Buenos Aires and on his visits to this country. But they are Argentinian proposals. Mr Haig has kept us

79 village

schools go

Social, educational and financial

factors were taken into account when decisions were made about closing village schools, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions in the Com-

mons.

He had been asked how many small village schools had been permitted to close in the last 12 months, to which he replied that there were 79 closures in the period March 1, 1981, to February 28, 1982.

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Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said: This is a disturbingly large number. Will he make clear that he does not village schools? In view of the vast number of village schools? In view of the village schools which have been closed in Staffordshire, will he pay particular care to proposals in that county? Sir Keith Joseph: Yes, to the first part of his question. Certainly in Staffordshire, but no more than any action in any other county. My colleagues and I recognize the social and communal factors involved in these decisions.

in a year

EDUCATION

fully informed, when he has been able, about precisely what they are. We have full details. Mr Foot has heard what I indicated a moment ago. We regard this as a stage in the negative process.

moment ago. We regard this as a stage in the negotiating process which must now be continued.

We are examining the proposals very closely and shall seek to put forward our own proposals, I hope to Mr Haig.

With that in mind, the Foreign Secretary plans to go in Washing. Secretary plans to go to Washington on Thursday.

Mr Foot: When will she report to the House again on the matter? I hope that in these discussions she will be taking into full account the proposals by Mr Denis Healey about involvement of the United Nations in this matter.

Apart from the inherent justice of our case, a major source of strength has been the fact that this country has been acting in conformity with the United Nations and in pursuance of Resolution 502.

Resolution 502.

If she and the Government were to follow up Mr Healey's proposals, they could provide alternatives to the specific proposals from the Argentine and make sure that we continue to act in full conformity with the charter and British obligations under the charter.

Mrs Thatcher: I do not think there is much point in reporting

Secretary has seen Mr Haig in Washington.

Among the many problems which the Argentine proposals present is that they fail to provide that the Falkland Islandes shall be able to determine their own destiny, and the Rouse has always said that the wishes of the islanders are paremount.

On Mr Healey's proposals, about United Nations administrators we are in the process of

trators, we are in the process of one negotiation through Mr Haig and it would be better not to get wires crossed but to go steadily forward with that.

I accept that we are trying to secure the implementation of Resolution 502 which is clear but not so easy to get implemented. Of course we also have rights under Article 51 of the charter on self-defence.

on sear-deneed.

Mr Foot: I certainly wish Mr Pym well in his visit to the United States. I am not at all certain that its not necessary for further reports to be made to the House in the meantime, because these matters are fully discussed. these matters are fully discussed in other places. Therefore there ought to be constant and persistent reports to the House of Commons.

Mrs Thatcher: It is not one's intention to hold back any information in any way. But Mr Foot and other MPs have been understanding that while negotiations are on it is difficult to give full details to the House.

I have indicated one important I have indicated one important respect in which the Argentine proposals before us fall short of the objectives of, I think, almost every single person in this

I am here every Tuesday and

want his programme for dealing with falling rolls to involve the wholesale closure of village schools, and that the Government

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most MPs.

Mrs Thatcher: I am grateful. We do remain committed to seeking a diplomatic solution, if one can possibly be found that is acceptable.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Viberal Party (Barburgh Cal

Liberal Party, (Roxburgh, Sel-kirk and Peebles, L): She knows that there is all-party support for that there is au-party support for her determination to secure the removal of the Argentines from the islands and to secure the implemenation of the Security Council resolution and to re-tablish conditions in which the future of the islanders can be determined in the long term.

But would she refrain from ascribing to the House as a whole

ascribing to the house as a whole her phrase about the paramountcy of the wishes of the islanders.
(Interruptions) The islanders, wishes and interests are paramount in the short-term, but the long-term issue is one for this Mirs Thatcher: The House of

Commons, in exercising its duty, has always said in these negotiations and throughout

basis that the Argentine wanted what is called "decolonization", which has a particular meaning under the United Nations terms,

mation to the islanders.

Mr Stanley Newens (Elarlow, Lab): Would it not be to her advantage to involve the United Nations more deeply, particularly because it would then relieve the United States of the necessity for acting in what is called "an even-handed fashion" in present circumstances?

pressure to bear on the Argentine as countries in Western Europe and the Commonwealth, this would have a moral and economic impact which would make a peaceful and diplomatic solution much more likely. Mrs Thatcher: There is a clear

mandatoray resolution on the record by the Security Council which should have the force and effect of international law. At present it is not being implemented. Mr Haig is trying to see that it is implemented.

No more money

No more money will be made available by the Government to meet any improvement on the offer already made to teachers,

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary for Education and Science, said.

Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Oppo-

Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on education, said that substantial numbers of education authorities had com-municated the fact that they were propared to find ways of affording more than the 3.4 per cent already offered. The threat-ened uproar over the issue could have been avoided if they had been left to their own devices. In the event of the arbitrator making a recommendation (he

In the event making a recommendation (he asked), will the Government provide funds to enable teachers to be paid what the arbitrator recommends?

Mr Boyson: The money to be paid to local authorities for education has been set. No more will be provided and any offer must be within that.

Parental

rights over

sex lessons

Parents who disagree with the way sex education is taught in schools should be allowed by headmasters towithdraw their children from those classes, Dr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said.

Mr John Blackburn (Dudley West, C) had asked if the

West, C) had asked if the Government would introduce legislation to give parents the right to vet text-books used in schools for the teaching of sensitive matters, such as sex

Mr Boyson: The Education (School Information) Regu-lations, which come into effect this year, will require schools to

give parents information about the way in which sex education is provided, and we have no plans for further legislation.

We have made it clear there should be the closest consultation and cooperation between parents and schools on this matter.

Mr Blackburn: There is a vital mer mackenia: There is a vital moral issue in the presentation of literature within schools. Would be give an assurance that he will exercise vigilance in this matter,

available

for teachers

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolosover, Lab): Does he recall that at the time of the general election he made great play about the fact that these small schools ought to particularly relating to sex education, and that his depart-ment has a moral responsibility within the schools curriculum?

Mr Malcolm Thornton (Liver-pool; Garston, C): Would be give an assurance that parents will have the right to withdraw their children from such lessons if they see fit?

Mr Boyson: Consideration was given, when the 1980 Bill was going through, as to whether perents have, as in religious



Joseph: Practical work in last two years

education, the right to withdraw children rom sex education. It was decided by the House of Commons and House of Lords that the decision should not be made in this way because sex education was not compulsory in the school curriculum.

Provision has been made in London by the Inner London Education Authority, with all respect to them, for parents to withdraw children from schools where sex education is taking place and with which they do not agree.

place and with which they do have agree.

I would say that where parents do disagree with the way sex education is taught in schools, headmasters should certainly allow withdrawl from that class.

### Practical slant in curriculum for all pupils

There was a strong case for a greater practical slant in the curriculum for all pupils in the last two years of compulsory education. The less academically proficient pupils were not necessarily best served by a diluted form of the traditional curriculum, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said.

Science, said.

He was answering Mr Nigel
Forman (Sutton, Carshalton, C)
who called for a statement on
how the minister intended to see
that the educational needs of the
bottom 40 per cent of school
pupils in achievement were
adequately met.



with both parties to the nego-tiations. It is in our interests that he should have that credibility but we all know that the United

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP): Will she, in view

night.
Will she seriously consider the proposal made by Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East,

Mrs Thatcher: I must confess, I had expected a more fundamental point from Mr Jenkins. Mr Foot, the Leader of the Opposition, on the last occasion this came up, said — I happen to believe rightly — that he would not find that an appropriate way to proceed.

If Mr Jenkins wishes to see me — or I am sure the same would

or I am sure the same would happen with Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary — about this matter of course, I am always there to see MPs on these important issues.

taking to ensure that dicrators cannot keep by aggression what they failed to keep by negotiation.
Is view of the Argentine record on human rights, the suggestion of bringing Argen-tinian police into the islands is

which should have the force and effect of international law. At present it is not being implemented. Mr Haig is trying to see that it is implemented. I believe that he is a good and appropriate negotiator, but a succeeded. With regard to police, negotiator must have credibility which in this case appropriate negotiator must have credibility there were only two police on the

If Mr Neil Macfarlane, Minister for Sport, said in a written reply. In present circumstances I would urge British sporting bodies not to complete any bilateral fixtures against their Argentinian counterparts scheduled in the United Kingdom, and to refrain from issuing further invitations. In a further reply, he said the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was advising all United Kingdom nationals against visiting Argentina at this time.

country. It has already been agreed that if the Gibraltar Government and the British Government accept the viability of a commercial dockyard operation after the dockyard closes, that subject to parliamen-

State for Trade, questioned about the effect of the Falklands crisis on inflation, said there were always uncertainties in the future but the Government expected that the falls forecast in the inflation rate would be achieved.

He said earlier that the Government expected that by the end of this year the rate would be down to 3 per cent and, next year

made great play about the fact that the Government recognizes the community and educational importance of village schools?

Sir Keith Joseph: Yes, emphatically. Sir Keith Joseph: Yes, emphatically. My colleagues and I take the most intense care to take all social, as well as educational and financial aspects into secount when making decisions. But the pace of the fall in the school population, particularly in the primary phase, has accelerated sharply in recent years.

Mir Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C): Will he pay particular attention to the proposals affecting truly rural village schools? In view of the vast number of village schools that we heep closed in Stafford.

The same book actually talks get too small.

### must be spent in best way

Steps would be taken to see that money made available through the Manpower Services Com-mission for further education mission for further education courses was used appropriately. Mr William Shelton, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during exchanges on training schemes. Mr Bric: Deakins (Waltham Forest, Walthamstow, Lab) had asked: How will the minister seek to ensure that genuinely appropriate courses will be provided in further education rather than that there are merely cosmetic changes made to existing provisions in order to take advantage of Government funds available? Mr Shelton: This is an important matter because there has been a breakdown in some cases and this must not happen again. The Manpower Services Commission is planning to introduce a group on which the education services will be very much represented, to look at the content of the educational services funded through the MSC. I am sure this will be satisfactory.

### Tenant rights over charges for heating

Mr George Cunningham (Islington, Somh and Finsbury, Ind Lab) was given leave under the 10-minute rule to introduce the Local Authority Tenants (Heating Charges) Bill.

He said the Bill would give He said the Bill would give council tenants. rights already enjoyed by tenants of private landlords and of housing associations to see records and accounts on which communal heating charges were based, and to challenge them through the county court. county court.
While local authorities were obliged to consult tenants on matters of housing management, charges for heating were specifically and other courts. cally excluded.

The Bill was read a first time.

No changes are planned in abortion notification procedure following a review of the position, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, add in a written reply to Miss Joan Lestor (Eton and Slough, Lab).

The Hongkong and China Gas Company Limited Bill and the Thomas Brown and Sons, Limited Bill both passed their remaining stages in the Lords.

# Silkin condemns Employment Bill and promises to repeal it

TRADE UNIONS

He said the Bill provided an appropriate legal framework to maintain a balance between trade

as controversial as it touched upon the closed shop, immunity of trade union funds and the denermination of trades disputes, he still believed it to be a modest

measure in size and purpose.
The violence of the reaction to
it said nothing about whether it was modest or not, but was an indication of the mental attitude of those who had for decades enjoyed certain privileges and saw them thrested.

There was a degree of other-worldiness about timetable motion debates and he antici-pated that by the end of this one the House would be knee deep in tears of remorse. But when the tears of remorse. But when the Government was confronted with the difficulties of securing legislation there came a time when a balance had to be struck to secure the reasonable consideration of outstanding and important aspects of the Bill.

There were important iscure

sideration of outstanding and important aspects of the Bill.

There were important issues still to be debated. For example, the union labour only requirement in contracts which was an oblique form of the closed shop, the bringing of immunities of trade union funds into line with the immunities for trade union officials, and the definition of a trade dispute and its consequent impact upon immunities.

The Bill and these considerations, could not be lost in a quagnire of verbosity. The purpose of the motion was to ensure that the passage of the Bill was expedited so that the remaining important clauses could be properly debated.

Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, I.) intervened to ask whether

intervened to ask whether consideration had been given to the proposal that timetable motions should be introduced at the start of a Bill's proceedings. Mr Biffen replied: An article in The Times — the house organ of the Social Democratic Party — by Mr John Grant (Islington, Central, SDP) makes the same We should always be attendant

upon our procedures and ways they can be improved, but what Mr Smith is suggesting is not something that would immedi-ately commend itself unreservedly. to all quarters of the House.

The timetable provided for measured debate of important outstanding topics and would seture the passage of an important piece of legislation outlined in the Queen's Speech.

The third reading could come tolerably soon now under these arrangements and they would seture the tantalizing spectacle of how the SDP would yote on that occasion.

It was important that the House of Lords.

House should demonstrate there were no rare birds protected by second reading and would vote special game laws. The Government was making use of a parliamentary device and in this instance it would be in terms of a with rade unionism. The closed vindication of demonstratic parliamentary procedures against entrenched corporate interests.

(Conservative cheers)

said he had supported the Bill at recently strike calls by union leaders have been rejected by shopfloor workers.

The shopfloor workers.

The shopfloor workers.

The shopfloor is sensible: hope unions give them secret senior officials and union executives:

The guillotine motion was carried by 290 votes to conservative cheers)

Mr John Silkin, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab), said that progress on the Bill had been fast. The slower progress made on the Bill within the parliamentary rules the better because it was the warst Rill in come before the By the time the Employment Bill had completed as passage through the Commons more than 135 hours would have been spent debating it, Mr John Biffen, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said when he moved a timetable motion on the Bill.

The motion provided that the standing committee stage of the Bill should be completed on or before April 29 and that the report stage and third reading be completed in two days, ending at 7 pm on the second day.

He said the Bill provided an appropriate legal framework to maintain a balance between trade

This was one of the most divisive Bills one could possibly have. At a time when the

Government was talking about national unity, to bring in a Bill like this, to carry on with it, and to see that it went through against the wishes of the Opposition and at least half the population, possibly more, was to miss an connectuality that the miss an opportunity that the minister, if he had thought about it, would have been the first to

Mr. Tebote Bar Silkin overstates it when he said "against the wishes of the Opposition". After all, we had a majority of 106. That included several or parts of several of the several opposition parties. (Conservative laughter). Mr Silkin: There is only one Opposition, as Mr Tebbit knows perfectly well. (Renewed laugh-Mr. Reginald Prentice (Daventry

C) said that the trade union movement had fallen short of the democratic standards one was entitled to expect of it these days. entined to expect of it these days.

If a cross-section of genuine
rank-and-file trade unionists
were consulted, they would give
overwhelming support to this



the eyes of the general pursuanties TUC should recover some credibility in Britain. The Opposition Front Bench had a duty sometimes to tell the TUC when sometimes to tell the TUC when they were going wrong, as he himself had done when shadow Secretary of State for Employment. What was bappening new was that the Opposition found sot what the TUC wanted them to say and then repeated it. Parliamentary procedures had been getting worse in the last decade, and would continue to do so unless there were radical changes. The House of Commons saft twice as long as the second-

Whilst the Government were getting it through, he would vote for the Bill, but he was not prepared to vote for the guillotine, which was merely a procedural mechanism to get it through. He would vote against the motion before the House.

Mr Tein Bradley (Leicester, East, SDP) said the Bill would not improve industrial relations and might well harm them. The SDP wanted to see trade union reform in the belief that trade unions should not regard themselves at being above and beyond the law. They should try to strike a balance between a trade union's obligations and responsibilities and the question of its immunity. The timetable motion would prevent discussion on clauses which MPs had hoped to consider and the SDP would associate itself with the official Opposition and resist the motion.

and resist the motion.

Mr Ian Mikardo (Tower Hamlets, Bethmai Green and Bow, Lab) said that Mr Tebbit, one of the Prime Minister's strong armbully boys, was looking forward with slavering appetite to the wildly enthusiastic reception he expected to get when he addressed the Conservative Party conference on the Bill in the autumn.

conference on the Bill in the autumn.

His bet was that the Secretary of State had already bought a stop-watch so that he could time the length of the standing ovation he boped to get on that occasion. If he wanted to get the standing ovation all he had to do was to introduce at the report standing ovarions all he had to do
was to introduce at the report
stage of the Bill a new clause
which provided that any trade
union leader who was in breach
of it should be hanged and any
shop steward flogged (Laughter)

spokesman on employment (Chesterfield Lab) said it would be the Labour Party's job to putright the mistakes in this Bill which was being rushed onto the statute book. The great crime of this Government was that of mass unemployment, deliberately created and complacently, left to continue.

traing not on sound but on damaging industrial relations. It had callous disregard for the misery of three million unem-ployed. Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said the sad toll of unemployed in Britain arose not least from long-standing inefficiencies and defects in the way the country employed in the way the country employed its labour. The Bill set out to remove some of the rigidities and absurdities, practised in the labour market.

labour market.

The more effectively labour was used, the more it could be paid, and the better conditions it would enjoy. This was a modest Bill; he had never claimed it would put right all industrial relations problems.

recently strike calls by union leaders have been rejected by shopfloor workers.
The shopfloor is sensible 1

### Inland Revenue check on tax evasion

Mr John Prescett (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab) said that for the Government to be considering giving £180m to Nissan for the jobs it would provide in Britain was not the best use of public resources.

The requisitioning of vessels sinon spokesman on Treasury for the Argentine venture would and economic affairs, said on have significant effects on the defence spending that there had economies of ports such as Hull to be enforcement of cash limits and the Government should take alriengh no one could argue with expenditure of the task-

Some MPs were concerned at

the salk of using Vulcan bombars. Once any missiles were fired or bombs dropped on the South American mainland then the far would be in the fire. Mr Robert Sheldon, an Oppo-

LATE DEBATE

During the later stages of the debate on the reports of the Public Accounts Committee on Monday night,

Mr Raymond Whitney (Wycombe, C., said it was not his impression that the House, the country and the Government get its money's worth but of the PAC and that the afforts were rewarded in terms of saving waste and unnecessary bureaucracy. There lably said there was an obligation was a depressing catalogue of lack of effectiveness of the work by trhe Comptroller and Auditor.

Year after year the tale of mistakes, waste and extravagance went on. The House should take another look at the PAC which the palkiands Islands operation of the cost of the palkiands lasted to monitor the costs of the palkiands lasted to monitor the cost of the small proportion of the defence was its oldest select committee.

Mr John Prescott (Kingston upon)

A great deal of thought and study was going on into the black economy. The Inland Revenue were deploying 400 staff in the regions to look at tax evasion, about three quarters of them investigating PAYE and 75 of them investigating apontughting.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment's Debate on Government's White Paper on expenditure plans. Lords (2.30): Debate on the consequences of privatizing publicly-owned companies.

### Prices not sole factor in sale of Britoil

HOUSE OF LORDS

There had been speculation about the effect of the recent fall in oil prices on the Britoil sale, but the Covernment took the view that it would be premature to jump to conclusions, the Earl of Mansach for the Bill, but it is seen to consolins, the Earl of Mansach for the Bill, which has a seed, Minister of State for Scotland, said in moving the second resading of the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Bill which has a seed the Common's in deciding on timing, it would be necessary, the added, to weigh my a number of factors of which oil prices would be only one.

He said the Bill would be a major stop forward in resiscents, the size of the public sector. There was no justification for direct state involvement in oil exploration and production. The history of the North Ses showed that the successary to easier of sordid transactions do not get away with the swag.

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Morris Ital	from £4,367
Triumph Acclaim	from £4,829
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The Austin Metro led the industry with 12,000 mile/

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The same engineering leadership has cut servicing costs on all Austin Rover Group cars.

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Take a look at our specifications.

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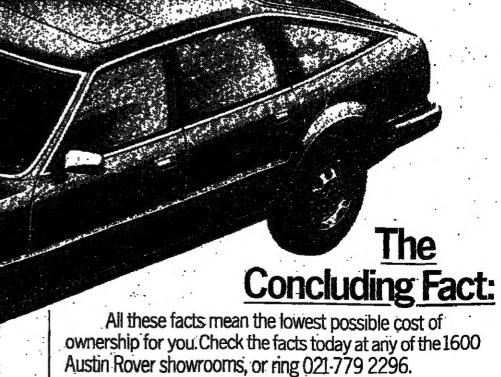
For example, the advanced, £275 million, high automation Metro plant at Longbridge, and the £35 million paint plant at Cowley, bringing world class standards in paint finish and corrosion protection.

Check the facts.

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Low maintenance costs, built-in quality and reliability, and the sheer appeal of Austin Rover's superb modern range of cars, combine to give the perfect formula for high resale values.

Check the facts.





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the country's future.

went bankrupt last month,

and this figure brings the total of bankruptcies for the first quarter of 1982 to 124. In 1981, 431 business went

The invasion of the Falk-land Islands has made Chi-

open before are now closed. Some financiers have been

bankrupt.

'Chicago boys' blamed

Chile's economy in

# Pyrsteers clear of force at Brussels

a Murtay, Brussels, April 20 inisters of problem that Britain was confirmed seeking to bring the maxi-EEC didarity with mum pressure to bear on the their comme Falkland Argenine junta and that it lalands derlined their time, there a peaceful concern problem.

The content problem with mum pressure to bear on the was prepared to do everything to achieve a peaceful solution if this were possible.

solution problem.

The ters had met in for any eventual British military action, he left his fellow ministers in no doubt at British resolve not to finch from doing so, if it a chance to ean partners.

working lunch, he interests of the islanders the proposals we out in Buenos Aires by Alexander Haig, the can Secretary of State, gave them a strong mg that the British ternment would find them to company.

cceptable Acceptable.

He delicately avoided any ference to Britain having a mal recourse to drive the Argentine Army off the Falkland Islands. According to Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian External Relations Minister and the President of the Council of Ministers, no the Council of Ministers, no mention of military action had been made during the

This ensured that the occasion was a friendly and harmonious one Several countries, notably Italy, had been severly tested in agree-ing to the EEC embargo against Argentina last week, and it might have stretched to support for military action, has that been requested.

It was Mr Pym's first meeting with his fellow EEC Foreign Ministers and he sought it in order to give his sought it in order to give ms should go to war, britain which the trade embargo had been applied. He also wanted undertaking to anyone that that Britain was the task force will not go into ners about the actions it was

His mission was seen as sufficiently important for the British Cabinet meeting, which was to discuss the American proposals, to be postponed until he returned postponed until he returned its partners for a blank from Brussels.

Mr Pym emphasized in his to make it clear how deterlong explanation of the mined the Government was.

may yield

By Anthony Bevins

graphs and other material

Islands last September.
Mr Eric Ogden, Social
Democratic MP for Liver-

pool, West Derby, and Mr. Michael Shereby, Conserva-tive MP for Uxbridge, visited the islands under the spon-

Military intelligence yes-

MPs' snaps

### Shadow fleet

were protected.

the Community.

ported his work.

The short statement at the

end of the meeting gave this

solidarity and went on to confirm the EEC's desire to see United Nations Security

Council Resolution 502 —
demanding the withdrawal of
Argentine forces from the
Falklands — put into oper-

The statement ended by

saying the ministers were anxious for the affair to have

a peaceful solution. It praised

the efforts of Mr Haig to find such a solution and sup-

The heavy emphasis in the short statement on the ur-

gency of finding a peaceful

solution is a pointer to the fact that Britain's partners

are less than happy about any suggestion that Britain should go to war. Britain is

A British source said

before the meeting that it would negate the point of sending the task force if

there were any doubts about it being used if necessary. He

said Britain was not asking

The Royal Navy has now requisitioned or chartered 35 landing site civilian ships "to support and augment" the Falkland Islands lask force. The official list, issued by the Defence Ministry. terday called an MP to the Ministry of Defence so that they could examine photoshows they include 19 tankers, cruise ships, cargo vessels Irawlers and lugs.
REQUISITIONED gathered during a parliamen-tary visit to the Falkland P & O liner Canberra (44,807

ship; P & O roll-on, roll-off cargo ship Elk (5,463), transporting armoured vehicles; P & O schools cruise ship Uganda (16,907) hospital ship. Ali are at

Mr Ogden said yesterday all are at sea.
Trawlers, fitte

Trawlers, fitted as mine-sweep-ers with Royal Navy crews: Northella (1,238), Famella at the request of a Foreign Northelia (1,238), Famella (1,207), Junella (1,615). Cordella (1,238). All belong to J. Marr Office minister of state, "to reassure the islanders of Britain's continuing interest Ltd of Hull, and are at sea, with and support, and to ascertain their views on future talks the exception of Farnella which with Argentina".

He had receeived a call which will act as support ship, belonging to British United Trawlers, is also at sea. from the Ministry of Defence

last week, expressing an interest in any photographs Cargo vessels for transport of equipment: Stena Seaspread, he might have taken of the North Sea support ship belong-ing to Stena UK, (6,061) at sea; Mr Ogden said: "We were taken on a coast-hopping trip P & O roll-on, roll-off ferry in a Beaver seaplane and took Norland (12,988) now loading at Hull; Townsend Thoresen's Europic terry (4,190) loading at bays, beaches, headlands and settlements from the air. It bays, beaches, headlands and settlements from the air. It seems that penguins and invaders like the same kind of beaches."

Southampton; Finnanger Norwegian freighter (21,267) at sea. Cunard's Atlantic Conveyor, roll-off ship (14,946) is at He added that it was quite

fascinating, in the light of the current crisis and with Tankers: Esk (15,642), Tamar the task force heading south, to look at the phographs of possible invasion sites on the islands.

Mr Ogden has been told by the ministry that his "items" would be carefully examined. the ministry that his "items" iffitted out. Esso Fawley (11,064), would be carefully examined and officials would let him know "if any of them could be of use to the intelligence people".

The Liverpool MP also Formand being fitted out. Esso Fawley (11,064), BP Wye (15,649), BP Avon (15,540), G.A. Walker, owned by Canadian Pacific (18,744), All are at sea. Shell Burma (19,763), BP by (13,271), BP Fern (13,252). Swedish-owned people".

The Liverpool MP also stated that the Falkland Islands Office in London had also been asked for contacts who might have maps and photograps which could be of intelligence interest for in-

Devenport.



H2 in the lead as landing craft from HMS Hermes exercise in the Atlantic

### Navy may well rue sale of lethal Darts By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

Britain could soon regret complement of Sea Dart and train could soon regret complement of Sea Dart and testion to sell the Sea professional trained operatina if fighting breaks out between the two navies, still separated by about 2,000 four hunter-killer submarines in the area white ines in the area white to the sea profession of the sea professional trained operations of the sea professional trained operations.

Not only is Sea Dart an torpedo the aspiretions of effective long-range, antiaircraft weapon designed to destroyer before its crew pick off hostile intruders of have time to push the button.

destroyers which are de-signed to carry it, should never have been supplied to the Argentines — who re-main the only other navy to have them.

Travelling at twice the speed of sound, Sea Dart is guided by radar to its target aircraft, which it can attack at high or medium altitude and at distances well in excess of the published range of 25 miles or so. But it can also be directed

to plunge down from a great beight on to other ships, powered by its ramjet engine to hit the deck or superstruc-ture with disabling force. Trials conducted by its makers, British Aerospace Dynamics, are said to have demonstrated Sea Dart's ability to strike with such kinetic energy that, even without a warhead, the missile smashed through up to seven decks of a target

Argentina has two Type-42
destroyers, the 4,100-ton a ship on doing so. If that sister ships Hercules and Santissima Trinidad, the first of which was built by Vickers loss of life and expensive loss of life and expensive in Barrow-in-Furness, the second in South America. Ironically, British teams have tive MP for Uxbridge, visited the islands under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Associated Relationship of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Associated Relationship of the R

not had much time to develop their skills with the missile which according to British industry sources demands a trained operator. The num-ber of missiles supplied so far is limited and an inexperienced crew could expend their arsenal without inflict-ing lethal damage. No missile is 100 per cent effective.

The Royal Navy's task force has the aircraft carrier invincible and three Type 42 destroyers, the Sheffield, the Glasgow and the Coventry, all of which have a full

one's air space at sea; but it is also capable of crippling enemy ships.

Many experts at the Ministry of Defence believe that Sea Dart and the Type-42 destroyers which are designed.

Even then, safety would be very much "relative". About three modern Argentine frigates and four elderly ex-American destroyers, are fited with the French Exocet missile - a dedicated seaskimming anti-ship missile which is also in service with the Royal Navy. Exocet is not half as fast as Sea Dart, but still packs quite a punch. Moreover, because it is a low-flying weapon it would strike vessel around the waterline. Sea Dart might make a warship hors de combat; but Exocet — if it escapes the Sea Wolf anti-missile missiles on the task force's Type 22 frigates could actually sink

The Royal Navy's task force has the firepower, the expertise and the morale to defeat the small Argentine Navy in a sea battle should the crisis end in one.

investment (more than £200m in the Invincible with its aircraft and weapons) would be considerable.

would be a humiliating reverse for the fleet at a time Fortunately for the Royal verse for the fleet at a time Navy, the Argentines have when it needs to prove its value to a Government which is not without its doubters. Britannia wil not rule the waves in the South Atlantic as easily as many armchair strategists assume.

> Gaston Thorn Hurt Brussels.-Mr Gaston Thorn the President of the European Commission, was slightly injured when his car was in collision with a bus in Brussels. He received only

IN SUMMARY

### **Falangists** march for Gibraltar

About 20,000 people marched in a right-wing demonstration through Madrid to show support for the Argentine takeover of the Falkland Islands and demand the return of Gibraltar to Spain four Madrid correspondent (our Madrid correspondent

Banners and placards dis-Banners and placards dis-played at the rally on Monday evening organized by the facist-rooted Falange, bore legends such as "Fal-klands for Argentina, Gibral-tar for Spain", and "British pirates get out of the Fal-klands and Gibraltar".

Dozens of young men and women, wearing the blue shirts and red berets of the Falange youth movement, marched in military formation to Madrid's central Plaza de la Independencia where the demonstration began. The blue and white flag of

Argentina fluttered, along with the red and yellow flag of Spain and the red and black flag of the Falange. Shouts in favour of Colone Antonio Téjero, the Civil Guard officer who led the takeover of the Spanish

the country every month, only \$114m has been obtained by Chile in the first two Parliament in last year's attempted coup, mingled with others of "Spanish Gibralmonths of this year. tar". As the crowds began to file past the Army Museum, many of the marchers raised their right arms in the fascist salute and chanted "Vivas" for the Civil Guard forces.

### Socialists want UN peace force Socialist members of the

European Parliament are calling for a United Nations peacekeeping force to be set up in the Falklands.

A resolution tabled by Mrs Barbara Castle, the Labour

leader in Strasbourg, also calls for a helt to the progress of the British naval task force and the simul-taneous withdrawal of the Argentine invasion force. But the move, one of a series of resolutions being

hastily prepared for an emergency debate on the crisis today, has already upset Conservative represen-tatives. Mr Adam Ferguson, MEP

for Strathclyde West, the Conservative spokesman, said that his colleagues would not back any resolution which could be interpreted as calling on Britain to retreat.

### Defence lesson for Britain

The Falklands crisis has made a review of the Government's defence priorities necessary, Dr David Owen, the SDP's parliamentary leader, said last night (Henry Standare writes)

Stanhope writes).

Speaking in Chichester after visiting Portsmouth Dockyard, he acknowledged that Britain would not have to shape the Royal Navy around the need to maintain a garrison on the disputed The real lesson, however

was that Britain's main contribution to Nato should be to the alliance's maritime strategy. The Government's folly had been in giving a higher priority to land crisis had demon-

strated the power and flexi-bility of nuclear-powered submarines.

Buenos Aires: Mr Tony
Prime, one of three British
journalists held by the
Argentine authorities, is
believed to have been questioned by a Federal Court judge on Monday over allega tions that he had been spying (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Prime, photographer with *The Observer*, is said to have been questioned for three hours in Ushuaia in the

area almost a week ago at the instruction of President Reagan, as both countries showed signs of increased south of the country. Mr Simon Winchester of The strain over the withdrawal Sunday Times and Mr Ian from the Sinai. He has been shuttling between Cairo and Jerusalem and flew back to Mather of *The Observer* were expected to be questioned yesterday or today. Israel today, saying he could not tell if a return trip to Egypt would be needed. Among the areas of dispute

### Paras delayed

Varas reports from Santiago on economic difficulties. The great hopes for economic recovery endangered by the military regime headed by President pinochet and his economic team of "Chicago boys", who brought professor Milton Friedman's theories to Chile, have begun to crumble. There are serious doubts about the Friedman and about economic model and about "The present problems are foreign exchange that we so serious that it is difficult have almost unlimited licence

to look anywhere but at the situation of the moment. It is disconcerting to feel that businessmen cannot see a tap at the ticlear future and only think way to carry of how to get by the next day", Senor Alfonso Silva, the president of the Social Union of Christian Businessmen, said.

The word "recession" has become a part of daily conversation and it is calculated that it will last nine to 12 months here. Some 61 Chilean industrial enterprises

to the country were not interested in investing in industry but merely using their capital as short-term The invasion of the Falk-land Islands has made Chi-leans forget for a few days that the country is going aged the growth of the export

refused loans, while others are granted much smaller sums than they were requesting.

While last year an average budget for 1982 was \$1,569m of \$243m (£137m) flowed into (without reserve funds). This the country every month, has now been cut by 2.6 per There also an evident lack cent

Convicted minister

to quit Cabinet

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Aviv, April 20

Cabinet but to keep his seat lemas he was under pressure

over his seat at the Cabinet table and indicated he will attempts by his political reclaim it if he wins his appeal to the Supreme Court. He said he was not giving up his Knesset seat because that would be irreversible.

He decunicated to the political attempts by his political backers to build up his case as an "ethnic affair", with the European-dominated establishment out to get him because, he was a North

in the Knesser. His decision to dismiss the minister.

requires the approval of the Tami Party's 40-man execu-tive and the 500-man Central

Committee and is by no

A party official said sessions of the party institutions will be scheduled after sentence is pronounced. The district court will hear arguments about the sentence is pronounced.

ments about the penalty tomorrow. He is liable to

seven years' imprisonment

for theft and three-year sentences for fraud and breach of trust.

He said he wished another

Tami representative to take over his seat at the Cabinet

**Stoessel** 

progress

From Our Correspondent Cairo, April 20

Mr Walter Stoessel, the

United States Deputy Secretary of State, said today

progress had been made in his efforts to save the peace pact between Egypt and Israel.

He ended seven hours of

negotiations in Egypt by meeting President Hosni Mubarak and his aides. "We

have had very friendly, very cordial and very constructive talks", Mr Stoessel said. "I

believe we haver made pro-gress and that things are

Mr Stoessel came to the

are sovereignty over a 600 to

1,000 square yard area south of the Israeli port of Eilat, and whether the Egyptians will reaffirm in writing their

moving well. I optimistic about the

claims

Mr Abuhatzeira called on African.

means certain.

grip of recession As the political and economic problems facing Chile the international banking intensified, the entire Cabinet of President Augusto Pinochet resigned on Monday. An official communique said that the President disconnected by the mounting criticism of the domestic economic model, previously said that the President disconnected by Chilean businessmen.

said that the President did not intend to change his businessmen.
economic policies or to Chile is now suffering
devalue the peso. Florencia from the consequences of a foreign trade policy which was put into practice two years ago. The policy meant opening the doors to imported goods without restrictions and practically without tariffs. When this policy was introduced many Chileans who had had foreign trade experience asked the question: "How is it possible that after 48 years of having imports geared to our limited payments facilities we have suddenly become so rich in

In fact, no new foreign exchange resources were on tap at the time, and the only way to carry out such a bold policy was to acquire massive foreign loans. In this context, the only way to make this policy a success was to create a free market that would attract foreign inves-tors who would come and develop new sources of income in foreign exchange.

However, because of the high interest rates in Chile, the investors who were lured

that the country is going aged the sthrough a very difficult industry. financial situation. But they As a re

have suddenly become aware of the harsh economic reality. Chilean bankers who approach the financial markets in search of loans are confronted with unexpected difficulties. Doors that were destroyed by the irresistible foreign competition. The economic As a result, not only were competition. The economic policy followed its inevitable course to the present crisis.

A reduction in defence spending would appeal to many but has not been openly voiced. The defence

cent. The reduction of funds for public utilities, on the other hand, has topped 15 per

The Tami Part's Central

Committee yesterday en-

dorsed the minister as party

leader, but he said he believed he could persuade the institutions to let him

resign. He said he wanted to

be free to prepare for his appeal to the High Court and he felt in the meantime his

ministries should be rep-

resented at the Cabinet table. He has taken leave of his

Government duties since the

start of his trial and Mr

Begin took over temporary responsibilities for his three

minstries. He declined to comment on

**SPADOLINI** 

SAYS CRISIS

**MUST WAIT** 

From Peter Nichols

Rome, April 20. Senator Giovanni Spado lini, the Italian Prime Minis

ter, said today he would defer direct debate on the faunce of his coalition Government until after he

# Successes claimed for abortion

By Charles Hargrove Paris, April 20

The discovery of an afterconception pill by a group of French scientists has opened the way to a new method of abortion less traumatizing and damaging to health than

existing ones. Professor Etienne-Emile Baulieu, the director of a Bauleu, the director of a research unit at the Institute for Medical Research, the French Academy of Science, said that the experiments were carried out in Swizerland. The new substance, an anti-progesterone steroid, RU486, the formula of which

RU486, the formula of which remains secret, had proved very effective.

The drug was tested on 11 women volunteers who were between six and eight weeks pregnant. Nine abortions had been provoked with the absorption of a dose of 200 milligrams of the drug a day over four days in the form of two to four capsules.

The RU 486 has also

The RU 486 has also The RU 486 has also proved a very effective means of contraception. Professor Baulieu explained that the new substance, a hormone compound, worked on a very simple principle. It prevented one of the two female hormones, the progesterone, from playing its essential part in the implantation of the embryo in the uterus. the embryo in the uterus.

A great number of conclus-

ive tests of its contraceptive effect were carried out, first on animals and afterwards on women. "What we do is combat the progesterone through the cells upon which it works," he explained. By administering the substance to non-pregnant women, normal menstruation was produced within 48 hours. The following menstrual cycle was found to be thoroughly normal.

A large number of further clinical tests will be necess-ary on the new substance, to establish the reasons for its failure to act in some cases, any after-effects, and those cases in which it could not be prescribed. If these prove conclusive, the drug could be on the market in three years and would revolutionize existing methods of contra-ception and abortion.

The World Health Organi-

zation and the Ford Foun-dation have expressed keen interest in the discovery, and asked to participate in these clinical tests.

### Clergy split threatens Mr Aharon Abuhatzeira, the Prime Minister today and the Israeli Minister of informed him of his decision Labour, Welfare and Immigrants Absorption, who was journalists waiting outside. convicted yesterday of lar- His move relieves Mr Menaceny, announced today that chem Begin, the Prime he intends to resign from the Minister, of a delicate prob-Iran regime

By Hazhir Teimourian tollah Kazem Shariat-Madari aged 83, one of Iran's most respected religious les as a participant in an alleged plot against the life of Ayatollah Khomeini, Ayatollah Khomeini, the revolutionary leader, is likely to create a gulf among the ruling elite of Shia clergy which could combine with other factors to bring about

the downfall of the regime. Normally it would have been expected that Ayatollah Khomeini would conceal any intrigues against him by his rivals in the interests of presenting a united front on behalf of the clergy.

But preparations are now being made for the election of an assembly of experts who will choose a council of grand systollahs to succeed him. He may therefore have been tempted to isolate the opponents of his particular brand of political Islam to prevent them from being elected to the future council. The denunciation of Aya-

tolleh Shariat-Madari was made by Mr Sadeg Qotbzadeh, the former Foreign Minister, who was arrested two weeks ago in comeasion with the alleged plot, when he appeared on trievision claiming that the avaiollah had been aware of the plot and had promised to support it, if it succeeded.
Subsequently a statement

has seen the budget through parliament this month.

This Christian Democratic Party's Socialist partners have demanded the resignation of Senator Bemiamino Andreatta, the Treasury Minister and a Christian Democrat, who is alleged to have said a Socialist advance would bring Nazi rule nearer.

Subsequently a statement by a group of pro-Khomeini by a group of pro-Khomeini religious trackers in the holy over the state radio and television, strongly condemning Aymolish Shariat-Madari as an anemy of the Islamic Republic and as one who did not deserve to be a "Supreme Source of Following" for the

From Our Correspondent, Tel Aviv, April 20

# Israeli 'spat at Adenauer'

Mr Arye Naor a former Israeli Cabinet secretary, reacted angrify before a Civil Service disciplinary tribunal in Jerusalem today, when the prosecutor tried to stop him from discussing his anti-German feeling. Mr. Naor attempted to discredit testimony by Mr Ranan Lurie, the cartoonist, that he sought a job with the West German newspaper Die Welt. He said his attitude to Germans was illustrated when he

spat at Dr Konrad Adenauer, who was then Chancellor, when the latter was visiting Israel. He saw the chancellor as a representative of the SS and the murderers of his family. Mr Michael Kirsh, the prosecutor, said this was irrelevant, and Mr Naor shouted "You cannot muzzle me in this matter.
It is my soul. This subject is in my bones." The hearing was

interrupted to allow Mr Naor to calm down.

Later he admitted giving Mr Lurie a story about a conversation between Herr Heimut Schmidt, the Westerman Chancellor, and President Carter, but said it has already appeared in an israeli newspaper.

Mr Naor is charged with "unbecoming behaviour" at the limit of allegations.

commitment to the peace pact in order to allay Israeli fears that Egypt may return to the Arab ranks after the withdrawal.

The Times that Egypt may return to the Arab ranks after the withdrawal.

### UN's peace blueprints ready From Zoriana Pysariwsky. New York, April 19

officials, inspired by 1962 the Dutch Government thoughts that the possibilities was persuaded to hand over are endless, have drawn up administration to the United no fewer than 15 blueprints Nations. The next year the in case the organization Indonesian authorities asshould be called upon to save sumed control and in 1969. the day. They claim that none without a referendum, de-of the parties has requested clared that the inhabitants the effort, although within wished to remain under some political circles the Jakarta's control.

United Nations is being Trusteeship — This would promoted as a means for giving two politically threattering power over the islands ened governments a graceful

widely circulated are: Peace-keeping forces — Of all the United Nations Given the United Nations' possibilities this is con-expertise in this area and the sidered the most advancurrent stationing of its forces in Lebanon, the Golan Heights and Cyprus, this is the idea that first came to mind soon after the Argentine invasion.

in trust with the United way out.

The ideas being most make certain the needs of the make certain the needs of the the low profile he has kept islanders were well served. throughout Mr Haig's mis-Of all the United Nations sion, but it would probably possibilities this is conmean that effort had failed. tageous to the British Government since the system would give priority to the wishes of the islanders.

There is an abundance of ideas being floated in London. Buenos Aires and Washington concerning a United Nations role in a High-level United Nations where the High-level Unite

Sovereignty negotiated under United Nations auspices — The possibility being given most prominence, as a result of Mr Haig's most recent talks in Buenos Aires, appears at first glance to provide Argentina with an edge because of the General Assembly's pronouncements. Mediation - Senor Javier

Medianua Pérez de Cuellar, the General, would Secretary-General, would have the opportunity to shed Britain ha been eager to keep Señor Pérez de Cuellar from becoming directly involved in negotiations, believing that the United States has far Supervision (United Nations) more leverage multinational Argentina.

### **BIRDS** IN A FLAP

# **RAF PUTS**

The peace and quiet of Cape Wrath will be shattered this week when the recently converted RAF Vulcan bombers begin target practice on the tiny island of Garve, less than half a most from one of the biogest

writes).
The bombers are using live 1,000lb bombs and the Royal Society for the Protection of

from one of the biggest seabird colonies in Britain (Our Scottish Correspondent

Sea Dart: Capable of crippling ships too.

Birds is worried about disturbances to nesting puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kitti-wakes. An RAF spokesman said yesterday that the Ministry of Defence usually tried to avoid bombing on the ape Wrath range during the nesting season. The society would like to see a moratorium on exercises with live

# The embarkation at Hull of

the 900 men of the 2nd Battalion of the Parachute ammunition between midApril and early July.

The Ministry of Defence yesterday described the exercises as "critical" in view of the Falklands crisis.

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Letter from Peking

China luxuriates in

its pre-Mao past

first fire-proofed buildings. Life in the Chinese capital

is being gradually enriched

Money is becoming available for this work in impressive amounts. The old skills and handicrafts

Whether it be the resto-ration of a delicate scroll by actually burning rice-wine

on its surface, or digging up the remains of an

This is of considerable social and psychological importance for the Chinese people of today.

Moa Tse-tung wanted the

common people to be "poor and blank" so that he could

write his revolutionary pat-terns on their minds. But

this was a tremendous

under-assessment of his

Revolutionary or capital-ist, most Chinese people value their cultural heritage

enormously, be it only in the form of rustic marriage customs, clan lineages, or reciting ballads. No other people in the world are so

closely linked to so much of

restore relics presents massive problems of re-

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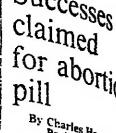
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Balancing act by Polish bishops on visit by Pope

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, April 20

planned this August? That is still the question dominating thurch strategists in Warsaw and will be one of the principal themes of talks between Archbishop Josef Glemp, the Polish Primate, and the Pope scheduled to the place in the Vatican next the place in the Vatican next whether to allow the Pope's whether to allow the Pope's wisit to go ahead. If the Vatican can be assured that the Government is prepared to talk with the Church and Solidarity and that it is ready to reach a socially acceptable compromise in a new trade minon structure, then the take place in the Vatican next

The Church is having to one hand, the Popes visit would give great encouragement to the Polish people and strengthen the church's position in its receivable. ition in its negotiations with the Polish Government, His whe Polish Government, His wisit to Poland two years ago helped to shape the spirit of apposition in the country and was a contributing factor to the birth of Solidarity, the free trade union. On the other hand, a papal visit would be seen by the Government and exploited as legitiment and exploited as legiti-mizing martial law.

A decision on the visit has been delayed for as long as

passible—the religious point of the trip is the 500th amiversary of the miracle of the Madonna of Czestochowa - but Church-state relations have now reached a crucial phase. Church sources be-lieve further postponement of an announcement may thus create more problems

than it solves.

The Church has presented an important strategy document, now circulating among the country's bishops, that goes, some way towards creating a bridge with the Government. It recongizes that Solidarity made mistakes and that some form of social contract involving both the Government and trade unions

is a desirable goal.

Although it lays the responsibility on the Government to create a suitable atmosphere for talks, by releasing internees, for example, it accepts that there are certain constraints on the martial law authorities.

Reformist Communist politicians said privately last May Day. General Wojciech week that the document was Jaruzelski is expected to a useful negotiating base. make a speech that will the Pope will now be discuss both economic probexpected to give his approval tems and the essential role of to, it and both Government political dialogue, party

Prom Micha

Moscow, April 20

The Russians yesterday

launched a new space labora-tery, Salyut 7, which will be used by a mixed Soviet-

French crew this summer.

The orbiting research laboratory, sent up from the

Baikonur Space Centre in Kazakhstan, replaces the sgeing 19-tonne Salyut 6, which was used by other mixed crews drawn from the

Soviet Union's communist allies under the Intercosmos

programme. Tass reported today that all

systems were functioning normally, and Salyut 7 is now orbiting the Earth every 90 minutes. 170 miles out in

Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Loup Chrétien, aged 43, a French Air Force pilot, will be sent up with two Soviet cosmonauts to the laboratory

n June in the first Bast-West

between the Soyuz and Apollo spacecraft. Colonel Chrétien has been training

for the mission at the Soviet

Space Centre near Moscow,

together with his understudy, Commander Patrick Bandry,

RESHUFFLE

IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, April 20—Mr Spyros Kyprianou, the Presi-dent of Cyprus, today dropped five of his 11 Cabinet ministers, reshuffled

when his current five-year term of office expires.

Only Mr Nicos Rolandis, the Foreign Minister, Mr Christodolous Veniamin, the

joint expedition since the for technical research.

1975 Soviet-American link-up All the systems w

Commander Patrick Baudry, Soyuz 7 spacecraft, an upfor the past two years.
Salyut 7, like its predecessor launched in 1977, will expeditions.

Cabmet ministers, reshuffled in the strategic district three others and announced around Pagman, 12 miles north-west of Kabul, over the when his current five years.

will the Pope visit Poland as element in the decision about umon structure, then the risk of the Pope "legitimizing" a repressive regime will

be less acute.
First signs that the Government is ready to go some way along this route came in an along this route came in an article in the daily Zycie Warszawy this week written by a former Solidarity activist, recently released from

vist, recently released from internment, criticizing the Government's union reform proposals.

"But we must not expect miracles", said a Church adviser today. "The papal visit can still be delayed either until October or next March. "He emphorsizes March. "He emphorsizes that, if the visit is to go ahead in August, the decision will have to be made in the next two or three weeks for adequate preparations to be made.

made.

Meanwhile, the main concern of the Communist Party is to establish itself in the minds of the Polish people as the natural governing force in the country. To this end, the Central Committee Ple-

the Central Committee Plenary session on Thursday will disscuss, the economy and the party's role in solving its many problems.

The four main economic points on the agenda are: A discussion of the economic reality in Poland (industrial production fell by 7.4 per cent in March, 1982, compared to March, 1981) the pared to March, 1981) the need to build economic selfmanagement on the basis of social welfare councils in factories; the need to orientate trade more towards the Soviet Union and Comecon: and ways of reducing the

impact of radical price rises on ordinary Poles. The party will also agree on an appeal to be issued on to, it and both Government and Church are expected to dicuss it during a foint changes are expected, though episcopate—Government meeting in early May.

The outcome of these talks will prove to be the key the plenum on Friday.

Dr Sally Ride, aged 30,

the astrophysicist who is to be America's first

woman in space

be used for scientific experiments. Tass said it would test modernized systems and equipment or the orbiting station, as well as being used

All the systems will be checked and tested in two

months by a preparatory two-man Soviet crew who will reach the space laboratory a lew days before the Franco-

Soviet team arrives on a

Afghan war

lull

Delhi, April 20. — Soviet and Afghan forces regained control from Muslim rebels

past week when heavy mili-tary activity resumed after a

winter lull, diplomatic sourc-

different command."

Herr Schmidt, whose policies are being increasingly criticized by younger and more left-wing members, had evidently realized the congress was in no mood for his usual confident, occasionally different command". Russians launch second laboratory into orbit iners III future.

> The Government was open to the party's criticism and advice. He reassured Social Democrats that the party should always be ahead of government in its ideas, not trailing meekly in its wake. But at the same time he begged members to realize

> He urged the congress to reject proposals for a mora-torium on the stationing of new Nato medium-ranged nuclear missiles during the United States-Soviet negotiations on arms reductions in Geneva. "The negotiations in Geneva. "The negotiations would be successful only if Moscow could expect the deployment of American weapons in Western Europe from the end of 1983" he said. "What reason could the

He reminded the congress that the issue was a question of principle for him, but refrained from repeating his threat to resign if it withdrew

its support on this issue. To members who advocate unilateral nuclear disarma-ment, he said: A one-sided lack of power does not prevent aggression by the stronger party. Neighbours of the Soviet Union have already had this experience. And so have many neighbour

The Chancellor warned the congress that the tone and method of internal disputes was weakening the Social Democratic Party and costing it public support. He ap-pealed for "multiplicity in discussion but unity in action". Like Herr Willy Brandt,

Soviet and Afghan armour the party chairman, who spoke yesterday, called for mebel stronghold of Khoja Musafer, a village near survived the resbuffle:Reuter Pagman. — Reuter.



'Smile . .

### Schmidt tries to reunite his party

From Patricia Clough Munich, April 20

With an uncharacteristic-touch of humility Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, today urged his critical and divided Social Democratics to stand by Nato's missile policy and pleaded for party unity.

In a two-hour speech, he warned the party congress here that it had the choice between pulling itself together or being relegated to opposition where it could not be the future of the longer influence the future of the country. The crucial issue before the congress, he said, "is not, in this very rough weather, to hand over the ship of state to a

arrogant, manner. Speaking in quiet persuasive tones, he admitted: "I know I have made mistakes and I will not be able to avoid making.

that those in government had a responsibility to the whole country and less freedom of action.

Soviet Union have otherwise to negotiate seriously?"

states of the aggressive Hitler dictatorship"

Red Brigades trial

# Why Italian terror will not go away

From Peter Nichols Rome, April 20

As some of the most might have decided that the chilling figures in Italian prospects are good for a terrorism file back tomorrow revival of violence, despite into their cages, with the fact that the most resumption here of the trial prominent figures have been of Aldo Moro's alleged kil-arrested. There is growing the inevitable question to the inevitable question. unemployment, especially among reasonably well-educated young people, who make up three-quarters of lers, the inevitable question hanging over the improvised courtroom is: What next? At the opening of the trial last week, even the most hardened killers among the the total. A high-ranking officer in

40 accused present (out of 63) agreed to a degree of collaboration with the court. the security services points out that Fascist violence in 1921 and 1922 originated not only with the sub-proletariat, but above all with young people of the middle classes. The economic crisis after the First World War impinged less on their lives than the This behaviour in itself was unusual. It is more normal for terrorists of the far left to refuse both the authority of the court and defending counsel. present one because agricul-ture still absorbed those who Their conduct throughout

the day's proceedings was much calmer than at most of the trials involving leaders of the Red Brigades. The behaviour was imposed by Mario Moretti, still the undisputed leader of the militant wing of the Brigades. He was reputedly the interrogator of the former Prime Minister during the 55 days of Moro's capitivity; as well as having been responsible for the decision to kill him.

Moro was kidnapped on 63 accused are charged with his kidnapping and murder and 16 other murders, includ-ing the five men of his bodyguard.

Moretti appeared anxious to speak during the trial because, as he told the court, he wanted to give their side of the activities of the

"armed party" in Italy.
One fear expressed was
that Moretti might intend making allegations involving politicians, which, true or false, would be assured of widespread publicity, given the coverage of what is potentially the most important terrorist trial so far.

But investigators who know him well are convinced of something quite different. To the rational mind, Moretti failed: even his coup in kidnapping Italy's most eminent politician and keeping him hidden for so long despite the efforts of the police, did not achieve the objective of stimulating public opinion against what he sees to be a decadent bourgeois state.

But he is convinced of final victory which halps to

final victory, which helps to explain why he and his comrades still adopt a confi-dent air in court and why they intend making clear that, though manacled in cages, they believe they are unbeaten and unbeatable. thoughtful terrorist

Mob attacks

accused Sydney, April 20. — A mob today attacked three men outside a court where they

tody on charges of shooting dead two youths after being

evicted from a teenager's

As they were led out, about 100 people shouting "hang them" surged forward, kicking and punching. Reuter.

party.

# style of governing

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 20

M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, has felt it necessary to justiffy, in a lengthy article in Le Monde, his method of running the Government, which has been under increasing attack from many sides, and not only by his political opponents. It is in accordance, he says, "with the democratic options of the

President Mitterrand might use tomorrow's Cabinet meeting to give his views on the matter.

of the Interior. over the extent of police powers has Now they feel frustrated, accuse the unions of having betrayed them and the welfare state of having abandoned them. From 1968 onwards they have seen a once again brought into question te cohesion of the Socialist administration, the coherence of its policy, and the ability of the Prime Minister to impose both upon

Would it be easy to find men of the unquestioning resolution of Moretti among today's disaffected youth? If 40 accused were freed could they regain a following and repair the old myth of invincibility? The politicains have failed

cessors had turned the members of the Government into docile and interchange-

He goes on: "It is my duty as Prime Minister to arbitrate when divergencies arise, and to decide when difficulties appear. That is what I do, and I do not consider it desirable for the Government suddenly to impose decisions which can-

democracy."

While different policy options remain open, they must be put to the country without dissimulation. "On the other hand, when the choice is made and the decision taken, the Government is jointly responsible for its implemen-tation and does not tolerate any breach of solidarity."

However valid in theory, this distinction does not altogether agree with the present Government's practice on several recent occa-

of Moro killing

# Mauroy defends his

The controversy between M Robert Badinter, the Minister of Justice, and M Baston Defferre, the Minister

M Lionel Jospin, the First Secretary of the Socialist Party, did not consider it desirable that individual ministers should expand at a thereth and in public on their

Mauroy wuites: "Where the practice of our predeable interpreters of a score in which they had no say more than 20 years of opposition have made it possible (for the left) to produce strong personalities who are not afraid to state and to defend their standpoint."

not have been previously debates. That is the choice of

Signor Moretti: Accused

could not find jobs else-

series of killings and kidnap-

to provide the social reforms essential to remove a motive

for armed resistance but they are favoured by the fact that

the consuming drive which characterized the terrorists

of four years ago seems now to be lacking and there is a greater readiness to give information after arrests.

For all that, terrorism will not go away. "We have", one successful investigator says,

"reduced terrorism and limited kidnappings". And what next? "The next great

expansion in crime will involve the drug traffic."

### Japanese concessions on croissants and cognac

a promise to buy a few helicopters — for such paltry results was it worthwhile for President Mitterrand to become the first French head of state to pay a state visit to Japan?

This is the question most French commentators are asking themselves today, and the answers depend on their capacity to penetrate the mist of elaborate politeness and inscrutability under which the Japanese shroud their real thoughts and intentions. In terms of making the

Japnese give up their aggressive industrial policy and their protectionist commercial practices, the French President obviously made no headway. Although some of the ministers and members

decided to make this visit, to which his predecessors never exploit the immense curiosity perfumes,

People have different ways of unwinding from the strains of modern living: meditation, television, or just a long walk in the country.

In Peking nowadays one can resort to such refined enjoyments as sitting in contemplation of a 46-ton bronze bell inscribed inside and out with Buddhist sutras and said to be people would would rather they were left a they are.

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Much Chine, architecture is of would rather they were left a they are. can resort to such refined enjoyments as sitting in contemplation of a 46-ton bronze bell inscribed inside and out with Buddhist sutras and said to be audible 20 miles away when struck; or browsing through a selection of millions of imperial armiticing the substitute of the substit

struck: or browsing through a selection of millions of imperial archives in one of the world's The biggest monume. like the Great Wall China, can never be fur-restored, nor would then be any point in doing so Some old stretches of the by the restoration and opening of dozens of buildings and historic sites closed to the public in the early stages of the Cultural Revolution more than 15 wall can be rebuilt as close to their original form as possible, and opened to the public with small, specialized museum displays.

One of the biggest efforts made recently in Peking has

able for this work in made recently in reking has impressive amounts. The old skills and handicrafts rough rearranging of the stonework at the Yuan and are being handed down by the old practitioners to apprentices.

Whether it be the restonesses which contained elaborate has our present and a second process. baroque palaces and a working zodiacal water-clock, designed by jesuits who found favour at the

up the remains of an imperial court for over a eighteenth-century palace in the style of the Italian baroque, there is ample enthusiasm and loving care enthusiasm and loving care in 1860, and later the local people carted off much of its masonry. Now school-children on outings swarm all over the ruins on weekdays. Some foreigners still picnic there.

One of the political inhibitions to restoration of buildings in the Peking area has been the fact that many of the biggest ones are dedicated to Buddhism, especially the Tibetan-style Lama Buddhism which strongly influenced the Manchus.

Some of the most notable monuments are copies of Indian buildings, whereas in other parts of China proper, Buddhist temples tend to have a more distincly Chi-nese flavour.

their past, and it is reassur-ing that this link has survived the political up-heavals of the past century. The biggest Buddhist temple - containing a statue The effort to protect and of the Buddha more than 70ft high, and said to be carved from the trunk of one enormous tree brought all the way from distant case of many known sites — such as most of the Ming Sichuan province - is open and Quing tombs — the only feasible solution is to leave them as they are till funds to visitors, with a few taciturn Mongolian monks in attendance.

David Bonavia

### Puzzle of length and in public on their own convictions. "That debate must be confined to the Cabinet," he said. of security

and expertise become available to open them. Many

From Harry Debelius Madrid, April 20

The chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force met representatives of the Unified Anti-terrorist Command in Madrid today to coordinate the takeover of certain police duties by the armed forces, while the Government came under political criticism in connexion with the recent increase in terrorism,

Communist MP's agreed to question the Gevernment in Parliament about the lack of security precautions at the automatic telephone ex-change which was destroyed here last Sunday by Basque extremists and about security arrangements at other communications installations.

The question was prompted by press disclosures that the plice were aware beforehand that the Basque separatist organization ETA was planning to attack a target in Madrid with explosives last weekend and that the telephone company did not include the exchange—the country's most important on its priority list for special security measures. Two other parliamentary

groups, the conservative Democratic Coalition and the Catalan minority, said they would call for a debate in the Congress of Deputies, on the terrorist issue.

The meeting between top military and police officials was the second in two days, motivated by the Govern-ment's decision last Sunday to put into practice exceptional anti-terrorist mea-

The increase in political violence began last Wednesday with a bazooka attack on a police barracks in San Sebastian. In the past six days, there

have been six more attacks, resulting in the death of one policeman and injury to at least 13 people. Damages at the telephone centre in Madrid amounted to more than £5.5m. A Madrid court sentenced

the mayor and four other members of the town council of the Basque town Larrabeztu, near Bilbao, to one year in prison for "offending the chief of state". The five had passed a motion in the council last year disapproving of King Juan Carlos's plans to visit Guernica because he was "unworthy to tread on Basque soil".

in Pampiona, a court sentenced a labourer to six months and one day in jail for setting fire to a Spanish flag while under the influ-

**NEWS IN** SUMMARY

# **EEC** seeks

farm deal Brussels. — The agricultural ministers of the 10 EEC

countries resumed their weary negotiations in Luxem-bourg to try to agree farm price rises (Ian Murray writes).
British insistence on know-

ing how much it will have to pay means that a final decision over the next three days is impossible, but many of the details could be agreed.

### Policeman jailed ın S Africa

Johannesburg. — Inspector Petrus Bronkhorst of the South African police, who lashed a taxi driver and three women — one of whom was pregnant — six times with a stick was sentenced to 17 months' imprisonment.

Spanish coup trial adjourned for week

Madrid.-The Spanish coup trial was adjourned for a week to give the prosecution and defence time to prepare their summing-up.
The two-month-old trial

was originally expected to be over by the end of this month, but Señor Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister, said he does not expect sentences to be passed until late next month or early in

Spy charges dropped Copenhagen. - The Danish Ministry of Justice has dropped espionage charges against Mr Arne Herlov Petersen, aged 38, author and left-wing activist (Christopher Pollett Follett writes). He was arrested and remanded in custody for three days last November, charged with helping Mr Vladimir Merku-

lov, an expelled Soviet diplo-mat, in subversive activities. Cuba travel banned

Washington. - The United States Government has banned business and pleasure travel to Cuba in an effort to limit the flow of American dollars to the country. Mr John Walker, Assistant Treasury Secretary, accused Cuba of "sponsoring armed violence against our friends and

Kidnap victim freed

Taranto. — Kidnappers have set free Signor Raffaele Fitto, aged 34, an Italian businessman abducted five months ago after his family paid a ransom of 880m lire

# Singapore seeks greater control of press

From David Watts, Kuala Lumpur, April 20

Singapore has launched a an announcement today that language morning paper. The never been comfortable since series of manoeuvres, the leading English-language Monitor company's principle the newspaper opposed Mr intended to rationalize its morning daily in the island, shareholders are the two Lee Kuan Yew's rise to press, which will ultimately The Straits Times, is to loan current Chinese language power in Singapore in the The republic already has announced that the two

stringent laws and a system highly competitive Chinese of annual licences for the language morning news- follows the appointment as monopoly of the Englishpublication of newspapers papers, Sin Chew Jit Poh, are executive chairman of The language morning market, which ensure that opposition to the Government is muted. Government has been concerned for a long time at what it felt was the poor quality of the press and is moving rapidly to take greater control of the situation.

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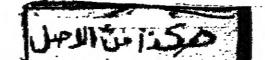
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The man charged with his nurder was Paul Cleeland, then 30, a decorator also of Stevenage and an acquaint-ance of the victim. He was found guilty in June 1973, as a retrial after a first jury failed to agree a verdict, and is now serving a 20-year life.

From the moment of his arrest, Cleeland has vigorousprotested his innocence. He is not a man of unblemished background who inadvertently become involved through bad luck. Both he and the victim were part of the Stevenage criminal fraternity. But he is convinced and recounts in a compelling and coherent matrative ling and coherent narrative
that in their determination to find the killer, the police may have entangled them-selves inextricably in a web of mistakes. He now admits he knows who was respon-sible; but he will not name them for fear of reprisals against both his family and himself, were he to be freed.

Insisting he had been framed, Cleeland conducted

his own defence and in 1976 rook his case to the Court of Appeal. It was dismissed.

"This is clearly one of those cases", said Lord Justice Lawton, "where a number of cunning criminals have got together to concoct a spe-cious and, on the face of it, credible story to discredit the

But the appeal judge did not admit as evidence, a sequence of disturbing events since Cleeland's trial involving errors in his prison records. These led to an internal inquiry headed by Mr E. J. Boothby, Assistant Chief Constable of Nor-thamptonshire, who was called in after allegations by Cleeland that the errors were police decided to take a deliberate and the police gamble and put up a case evidence which led to his against him. But that case

If Cleeland's story is tinged sistency. against the police and prison authorities, it is bardly surprising. The report remains secret. The Home Office refuses to release it. despite repeated requests from MPs, because of rigid ules. Yet it could throw light both on what a prominent QC called the "quite unusual number of blemishes in connexion with the police evidence", in particular, dis-crepancies between the ballistic experts called by Cleeland and the police, and on "the extraordinary coinci-dence of patently false prison records, affecting or reasonably calculated to affect Mr Cleeland's appeal". Above all it could provide the basis for

An independent forensic scientist commissioned by The Times to give a prelimi-nary opinion on Cleeland's case has come out in support of the prisoner's call for a retrial. Dr Julius Grant, secretary of the Society of Forensic Medicine, calls the conflicting ballistic evidence. of experts "most disturbing". He says it "would appear to provide Mr Cleeland with ample reasons for wanting his case reopened and on purely scientific grounds I cannot do other than support this".

### THE ARREST

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"In the early hours of November 5, 1972 I was woken by knocking on my front door", Cleeland says. It was the police. "They informed me that a man named Terry Clarke had been shot and killed and asked me if I would be prepared to help with their inquiries." At the station he was asked to make a statement. "To this day I have never changed one line

The police produced what was then one of their only pieces of evidence against him. A woman had allegedly seen him enter his house a 2.30 am on November 5. It turned out to be a neighbour well-known to Cleeland. "I proceeded to say that this woman and her busband were a right pair and that I had had trouble with them since I had moved into my home about a year previous. I said this was not the first time this woman had told the police stories about me and

that it was only the presence

of an independent witness on a previous "occasion that

While at the station he met Pat Clarke, wife of the dead man. She had seen the killer but not recognized him. He-says she told Cleeland: "the person who had fired the gun

returned home. Later that day the pelice came back and again asked him to go to the station. This time he was placed in the cells and on November 7 charged with murder. He stood trial early in April 1973 and the jury failed to agree a verdict.

Before the next trial Cleeland says he "sent out" from prison to get as much

from prison to get as much information about the killing as he could. What came back from his underworld contacts was that the shotgun being shown at the trial — a "Gye" Moncrieffe 12-bore picked up near the murder scene — was not that used to kill Clarke Second, that two people took part in the killing; one doing the actual killing, the other acting as a "minder". He was told they used a pump rifle (sawn off) and that they used Clarke's own Rover car which he had previously reported stolen. They went down into Essex and dumped the gun in a weir at Harlow. The "minder" was also armed with a sawn-off shotgue and that, too, was dumped in the weir. He also gleaned that the cartridges used were Ely cartridges; not Blue Rival, as claimed by the

Three weeks after Cleeland was charged — according to the notebook of Detective Inspector John Ratcliffe who was in charge of the scene of the crime — two shotguns were recovered from the weir at Harlow, and one was a Westernfield 12-bore

Cleeland says, that the police realized how difficult things were getting. He felt he had been arrested initially not as a direct suspect but in an effort to get him to talk and had been charged so that he could be kept inside. When what he believed to be the real murder weapon was Hanratty, hanged in 1962.
found in Harlow weir, the charge against him should trial McCafferty had had 24 have been dropped, he says. Instead, he maintains, the police decided to take a

Det Insp Ratcliffe records in his notebook that on the m nis notebook that on the morning of November 7 he took to the Metropolitan Police Laboratory in London at 9.30 am (10.30 in oral evidence) two spent Blue Rival cartridges found with the "Gye" Moncrieffe 12the "Gye" Moncrieffe 12-bore picked up near the murder scene; 18 live Blue Rival cartridges found near by; and the hand stock of the gun itself. These were exam-ined by Mr John McCafferty, then principal scientific of-ficer of the laboratory, who said that wadding found near Clarke's car could have come from Blue Rival cartridges. from Blue Rival cartridges. They were returned to Stevenage police station, according to the exhibits book, on the 15th.

But another officer, Detec-

tive Sergeant Norman Atkin-son, the police photographer, said in evidence that on that day, the 7th, he took photo-graphs of the scene of the crime until about 11.30 am, then went to Stevenage police station where he collected a shorgun and a quantity of cartridges from Det Insp Ratcliffe himself and took these to police headquarters at Welwyn Garden City where they were photographed. The photographs show clearly the handstock of the gun, and the cartridges: According to his notebook, Atkinson returned to HQ at 12.45. Therefore he must have collected the gun between 11.20 when he was last at the 11.30, when he was last at the of the crime, and then;

and taken the photographs in the afternoon. No explanation for this extraordinary contradiction was offered in court. Crossexamined by Cleeland, Rat-cliffe said he had a receipt showing the cartridges and handstock to have handstock to have been delivered at the London "Sergeant Atkinson must be mistaken."
"How could McCafferty

have carried out tests on November 7 1972 at the Metropolitan Lab, if, in fact, we have the photographs that show the items McCafferty says he had?" Cleeland asks. As the police said, it could be a mistake. But the evi-dence of PC Kittle gives rise to further concern. On the 7th, the day Ratcliffe-said he that was written down by the went to London, PC Kittle says he went with the Inspector to the crime scene. Cleeland concludes: "If both D/I: Ratcliffe and Mr McCafferty are giving the correct evidence, then D/S Atkinson and P/C Kittle are clearly giving inaccurate evidence. Ratcliffe, now Superintendent and Commander of Stevenage police, says that he stands by what he said at the trial. "All the defects spoken about by Cleeland were thoroughly investigated in two trials and by Mr Boothby in an independent

investigation, he says; and as

There is one final mystery surrounding the cartridges.
The police did buy a control box of 25 Blue Rival cartridges in Stevenage but that was not until Saturday the 11th. If the ones found at person who had fired the gun was about six feet away from Terry and about 20 feet from her". He was "about five feet eight inches, had short dark curly hair and was wearing a dark suit with a vent in the back."

Cleeland who is fair and about 5 feet 11 inches, returned home. Later that day the police came back and the 11th. If the ones found at the 11th. If the ones found at the scene were indeed at the laboratory from November 7 to 15, it is unexplained why one witness, Raymond Newton, should have testified in a statement signed November 8 to having been shown a box of 25 Blue Rival cartridges. And why did Ian Graham, another, say he saw such a laboratory from November 7 to 15, it is unexplained why one witness, Raymond Newton, should have testified in a statement signed November 8 to having been shown a box of 25 Blue Rival cartridges. another, say he saw such a box on the 10th? Furthermore, an album of photo-graphs showing the loose cartridges was already in the exhibits book by the 9th.

### THE **GUN EVIDENCE**

Guilty or not guilty the police were wrong over the distance involved'

Little was made of the disturbing discrepancies in ballistic evidence at Clee-land's first trial. With the second one pending, he says: "At this stage my only thought was to get out and I decided the best way for that to be done was to prove to the court that the shotgun produced by the prosecution was not that used to kill Clarke so all the evidence as to that shotgun was useless to convict me of murder."

Cleeland maintains —

his expert; a registered gunmaker, supported him — that the gun in court, fired twice at the distance alleged by Pat Clarke, would have caused more damage to the victim than it did. Pat Clarke said she saw the flash of the gun at about 6 feet from her husband and a neighbour who looked out of his window, said he too, saw the flash of a second shot about 6 feet from the car.

The Crown's chief witness on the ballistic evidence was Mr McCafferty, principal scientific officer at the Metropolitan Police Forensic Laboratory, Holborn, McCaf-ferty gave evidence until his retirement at several famous trials including that of James

years' experience of handling firearms. He was a police liaison officer with the lab-oratory until his retirement from the force in 1964 when he took over as head of the Metropolitan Police Laboracontains one glaring incon-

McCafferty told the court that the gun he had examined and tested, the 12-bore "Gye" Moncrieffe, produced similar shot patterns to those on the victim's body with the target at 18 feet from the muzzle. No one, he said, had asked him to fire from 18 feet but "I looked and examined the shots spread on the [victim's] garments and from my experients and from hy ex-perience of weapons I selec-ted a range which I thought was probable, fired a car-tridge and then adjusted my range by firing additional cartridges until the spread was of the same distance as on the garments." The two fired cartridges

5, 1972, Paul Cleeland (left), a petty crook from Stevenage, was taken by police and accused of murdering Terry Clarke, another small time criminal. In June 1973, despite his fierce denials, Cleeland was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 20 years.

Early on November

Since then he has worked from inside prison to prove his innocence. The conflicting evidence shows that, at the very least, the case should be put before another jury.



According to the notebook and evidence of a police photographer, this photograph of cartridges was taken at Hertfordshire Police HQ at

Welwyn Garden City on November 7, 1972. But McCafferty and another prison officer testified that on that day these items were being tested in London.

found with the gun were marked as having been load-ed with number 6 size lead shot by the Anglia Cartridge Company, Norwich; were identical to an unfired batch of 18 of a type called Blue Rival made by that company, found near the murder site. When fired, from the "Gye" Moncrieffe, these showed matching firing marks to those on the spent cartridges. Against this was the evi-

Against this was the evidence of Cleeland's own expert, Ronald Jennings, managing director of Jennings and Groves, gunmakers of Fareham, Hants, who tested the gun in the presence of McCafferty and the police. He concluded in a starement of May 30, 1973, that "allowing for errors it seems that 40 feet is almost certainly the distance". Unfortunately for

land, when it came to trial, Mr. Jennings — as the judge put it — did not stand up in the witness box as well as had been expected. Cross-examined on spread of shot, on the front wound he agreed the spread could give a firing distance of 17 feet; one foot less than McCafferty. He added, however, that at such a distance his target had had a hole punched in it. And in a letter to Cleeland's solicitors in January 1974, after the trial, he said: "...guilty or

It would have remained one expert's word against another, but for one further opinion, not referred to in the judge's summing up: the evidence of Dr M. Rufus Crompton, consultant pathol-ogist at St George's Hospital, London. From studying the autopsy report, photographs and X rays and examining the body, he concluded that as the pellets had not penetrated much deeper than the sub-cutaneous tissue and were spread over some 12 inches,

Cleeland the cartridges and a the night of Cleeland's arrest third said Cleeland had asked which amounted to a conhim to look after some cartridges. Both the latter were known to Cleeland and both had criminal records. He denies he ever owned or possessed the gun in court or either of the other two guns

found in the weir. Cleeland was sentenced on June 25, 1973, with a recommendation of a minimum 20 years. He lodged notice of appeal, and pending that, further tests on the "Gye" Moncrieffe were carried out by J. G. J. Rothery, a registered gunmaker from

Rothery concluded after tests on October 8 1974 in the presence of McCafferty and the police that the gun "must have been fired from a minimum distance of 38ft and a maximum distance of 44ft". "Had this firearm been fired at 18ft from the victim as described in Mr McCafferty's evidence I feel that far more damage would have occurred to the car and to the back of the deceased. The conclusion must, therefore, be drawn that if this gun was used, it was fired at a distance in excess of 38ft, or alternatively, if the range was 18ft, then this gun and cartridge were

One further question mark remains over evidence on lead traces on Cleeland's clothes. McCafferty under-took chemical tests using swabs and found lead traces on the front of his suit and donkey jacket which might, he said, have come from a gun. Another expert, Mr F. A. Lyne, then president of the Association of Public Analysts, gave evidence say-ing he had found the same lead contamination but con-cluded it to be more likely to

to a single incident. A more complicated and lengthy test than that underraken by McCafferty exists, which can differentiate between environmental con-tamination and lead from the use of an electron microscope and ancillary apparatus and depends on time and staff available. But despite the doubts, it was not

### THE **NEW WITNESS**

'I knew I had never had an interview with Nash, yet these people were telling

So the police had secured a conviction, albeit an untidy one. But the matter did not rest there; another witness came to light. Cleeland was sent to Wandsworth where he came across another prisoner called Nash who said he recognized Cleeland and had

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which amounted to a con-fession of guilt. The police said they hid in near by cells and made notes.

He made strenuous efforts to see Nash who was eventu-ally seen on his behalf by a member of the prison staff. Cleeland says he was told
"Nash was a bit of a
romancer and had not been
in Stevenage police station."
"When I heard this I was

rather mad for the last thing I wanted at that time was a nutter so I decided I would see what could be done about Nash."

Portsmouth. These crucial tests, inadmissible at the vine Cleeland got in touch

appeal, tip the scales firmly with Nash, established that surprisingly, that the reports in favour of the defence had after all been at the ballistic evidence. police station and urged him to contact Cleeland's solicientries. tors. On receiving Nash's statement from his lawyers,

Cleeland — by this time at Albany — decided to inform the Court of Appeal that had he been able to see Nash at Wandsworth much time would have been saved; and second, that a member of the prison staff had told him, wrongly, that Nash could not help him. It was at this point, early

in 1974, that the errors in the prison records first came to light. Cleeland asked the prison governor if he could know the date he had requested to see Nush at Wandsworth, He was informed that according to the records, he had seen Nash on

weeks later he was told they had found the entry to be correct and it would stand. He was told that was the end of the matter. "Upon hearing this", Cleeland recounts, "I am afraid I lost my temper, for I knew I had never had an interview with Nash, yet these people were telling me I had."

reasoned that either there had been a mistake, or it was done deliberately with the intention of showing at the appeal that he and Nash had colluded, therefore discrediting the latter. "Can you think of any other way of destroying an honest wit-ness? Both myself and Nash would have been discredited once and for all for who would you believe, myself and Nash or the prison records?"

After much thought, Cleeland says, he struck upon the answer to the problem: his Category "A" book; a de-tailed log of his movements which follows him from prison to prison. This did record a visit on the 4th, but with a man called Alan Russell; not Nash. Yet the prison records had no note of any visit from Alan Russell,

nor of a visiting order being sent or received. The Governor told him he "could quite understand one record not being made [as] regards Alan Russell but three people in three differ-ent offices all don't make the same mistake and not record the visit". A prison officer then had the idea of checking the main gate book at Wandsworth. This, it turned out, recorded the visit from Russell

A full report went to the Home Office who said the eneries at Wandsworth re-cording a visit from Nash had been made in error and had investigation and after pres-sure from Mrs Shirley Williams, then MP for Stevenage, the Hertfordshire Con-stabulary agreed to conduct

an inquiry. The inquiry was delayed, however, pending Cleeland's appeal. He tried to obtain copies of the prison records for the hearing but was refused. The court, content that there had been a clerical

error which was now cor-rected, refused to order their disclosure. Cleeland was far from content. By now be had begun to doubt if the errors were truly accidental. If not, he asks, could the Home Office really be expected to admit to the Appeal Court that they had been altered deliberately?

The appeal went ahead, Cleeland choosing to conduct his own defence, on February 26, 1976. On the first day the Crown presented him with a bundle of affidavits, seen then for the first time, dealing with Nash, his chief witness. The burden of these was that on the morning of November 5 — the day of the murder — Nash was transferred to the female cell block at Stevenage so that the male cells were free for suspects in the murder case, and thus was not around at the time of Cleeland's alleg-edly self-incriminating con-

In evidence Nash stood by his first statement that he had been at his cell door all night opposite Cleeland, and not seen or heard anything. But the police produced a second later statement, in which Nash said he was not at the door all night; had slept some of the time and now doubted which cell area he was in. Nash claimed he had made this second statement at insistence from the police that he had been mistaken, and had signed it in the end "to get out of the police station."

Lord Justice Lawton dis-missed Nash as not credible and since he was the main plank of the appeal, the case was rejected. "As you can well expect," Cleeland comments,"I felt right sick". Events now took a further

turn. Cleeland, by then in Gartree, again took up the question of the prison records and the wing assistant governor carried out a internal inquiry. He concluded the discrepancies in the record, letter and visit sheets could not have arisen the murderer, if it existed, through error and asked the may have backfired. Having Home Office to reconsider.

The Home Office refused. Not satisfied with this, the Governor asked the assistant governoer to submit a fresh report which was finally sent to the Home Office nearly a year later. Again it was rejected. Cleeland wrote to Shirley Williams, who was told by the Home Office,

About this time, just before Christmas 1976, Cleeland's mother brought him an envelope that he says had been pushed through her front door. It was a photo-copy of a sworn affidavit by a Det. Sergeant O'Connor dated February 26 that year the day of the appeal and Cleeland says it was the first time he had seen it. At first he could not see its signifi-

contradict evidence given by the other police officers at the appeal as to the time Nash was moved to the female cells. O'Connor says this was at 11.30 pm on the 5th; the others the morning December 4, 1973 in connextion with his appeal.

Cleeland petitioned the Home Office in protest. Six words at two different times so who is right and who is the state of the state wrong or is it as Nash says,

he was never moved? Cleeland asks. The outcome of Cleeland's letters to the Chief Constable of Herifordshire over this was that the Assistant Chief Constable of Northampton-shire, Mr E. J. Boothby, was appointed to investigate both the errors and the question

of the affidavit. What happened next, Cleeland recalls, is "the part that makes the whole story really incredible". In view of the Boothby inquiry, asked if he could check all his letter and visit sheets What came to light was that the master sheet, on to which details of all previous letter and visit sheets were copied when he moved to Albany in 1973, contained names and addresses that did not appear

on the Brixton Wandsworth sheets which he was provided. The missing details must have been on the original sheets when he first arrived at Albany, Cleeland says, otherwise how would the names have been known?
"Both myself and the PO
[prison officer] came to the same conclusion, and that was, my letter and visit, sheets had been altered after my arrival at Albany prison".
This too was referred to Mr Boothby. His report was completed three years ago. It went to the Director of

Public Prosecutions who concluded that there was insufficient evidence for a prosecution, and to this day the Home Office has refused its publication.

### CLETLAND'S version

'The heavy mob began to worry. They felt Clarke had. become a danger to them and they saw him off

Why should the police bother to frame Cleeland for a murder he says he did not commit, if indeed they did so? He maintains they only arrested him to talk and had to charge him to keep him.

Both Cleeland and Clarke, the victim, had criminal records. They had known and chother since 1961; stood trial together and served terms of imprisonment. A couple of years before the murder there had been a bad fight between them — the Crown alleged this was the motive for the murder — but according to Cleeland it had long since been patched up.

Cleeland's version of events is this: Clarke once

him mixing with a gang who were always getting caught, Cleeland, on mission, put Clarke in touch some robberies.

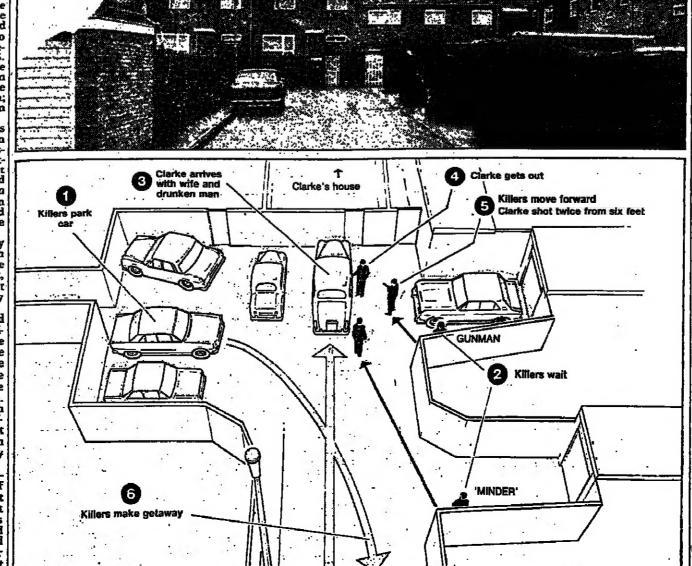
Things "started to go wrong" when Clarke got mixed up with another man in a "safe job" at a hotel, Cleeland says. A credit card and cheque book were taken and cheque book were taken and cheque book were taken. and goods purchased. The police caught them both, and, Cleeland says did a deal involving their pleading guilty to receiving stolen goods at the magistrates' court in order to avoid the safe-breaking charge going to the crown court.

would not plead guilty as he was already on parole. Clarke became desperate. He started to negotiate with the police to have the more serious charge dropped, knowing he would face a heavy prison sentence. The "heavy mob", as Cleeland describes those he introduced Clarke to, heard about this and began to "They felt they could not had become

trust Clarke who had become a danger to them and although I told them he was all right, they saw him off." This explanation, plus the Rothery ballistic evidence and the sequence of errors in the prison records have never been before a court. The police ploy to discover charged Cleeland, they naturally would have pressed their case against him. But the result is a man serving 28 years on the basis of an unsatisfactory conviction and patent inconsistencies in ballistic and other evidence, which in the interests of

### not guilty the police were wrong over the distance involved." How Clarke was murdered: The villains' version

Cleeland's underworld contacts told him that Clarke had been ambushed by two men, both armed with sawn-off shotguns. The murder was witnessed by Clarke's wife and a neighbour from an upstairs window. The killers arrived and escaped in Clarke's Rover car, which he had reported stolen, and dumped their weapons in a weir at Harlow.



### Television Frames of reference

Frince's Prior Tomorrow, Bright Beat (BBC 1), as wretched after of television hackwork at I have ever teen, is the prior what matters in final time. He finds the protest fine the finds the sixtless fine the sixtless fine fine that his picture of farone in 1999, a intaliarian state committed by its leaders to global warfage, is only conjured up warine, is only conjured up as a say commentary on the earlier anti-war movement anothe relative innocence of the confrontation. But a 55-mante play needs more than or idea.

An anxious Robin Ellis an ominously clinical mistration. Is his wife in liabour? Has she been certified? Or have they merely redecorated Television Centre? Such was the failure of tre? Such was the failure of Mr Prince and his director, Peter Duffell, to create tension that by the time we learnt, several confusing flashbacks later, how his daughter was in custody for her part in the assessingtion. her part in the assassination of a pro-war politician many viewers must have switched over to professional snooker.

Sarah Berger, combining feminine delicacy with a martyr's steel, and Mr Ellis seized their belated chance for pathos in an interview where, like Arthur Miller's Proctor and Shaw's St Joan, she was persuaded to sign away her integrity only to find that the state gives nothing in exchange. Too late: desultory reminiscence of Daddy meeting Mummy at an anti-LBJ demo had taken its toll, to say nothing of an interminable party scene showing her fellow-juves affecting Sixties gear and catchpbrases in a highly improbable display of camp.

Throwaway references to habitual street violence, compulsory conscription and dictatorship by Euro-edict larded the script as awkwardly as historical touches in third-rate costume drama. At least the designer, Nigel Curzon, had fun with the frigidly elegant futuristic. the frigidly elegant futuristic sets, including an interview room that managed to be terrifying by sheer geometry. But, if this series's view of tomorrow is right, the graffito may well be pro-phetic that says it has been

Anthony Masters

Interview: Philip Prowse

# Encouraging directions

"Whether this works or whether it doesn't, I hope I'll have the courage to go back to Glasgow and leave the London theatre to die the death it so richly deserves — a death caused by directors who have not the faintest. sense of design, actors who believe that

a play can exist on a page instead of a stage, and audiences still willing to pay for provincial, parochial, puritanical rubbish".

. . . Thus Philip Prowse, joint artistic director (with Giles Havergal and Robert David MacDonald) of the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre and now the director of MacDonald's play summit Conference, which opens at the Lyric on April 28 after a week of previews. Originally seen, though with a rather less starry cast, two seasons ago in Glasgow, the play concerns a dramatic, often hilarious yet totally fictious meeting in yet totally fictitious meeting in Berlin in 1941 between those two celebrated mistresses Eva Braun and Clara Petacci while their menfolk, Hitler and Mussolini, are otherwise engaged. The entire cast now consists of Glenda Jackson, Georgina Hale and (as a young German soldier) Gary Oldman, but even with two stars of that calibre Prowse is unsure whether his first London production has a chance of success:

"It's not your usual West End fare, thank God, and in fact it was never intended to be seen down here: David wrote it for our Glasgow company, and we did it there and I never expected to see it again, until a producer called Colin Brough rang up and told me that Glenda had read t and was keen to do it and would I direct? Actually he clidn't have a lot of choice, since there was a clause in David's contract saying that the lay couldn't be done without me"

That Glasgow triumvirate tends to and Havergal, in fact started to work together as designer and director in the late 1950s when Havergal was in charge of a very different local theatre in Watford:

"He asked me to do the sets for some of his productions there and for the first time in my life I found some sort of company spirit, some idea of what a theatre was supposed to be about. But it was a civic theatre and there was a sudden ciampdown on funds in the classic Tory tradition of ordstic repression. We'd been getting a lot of very good star names in audacious shows — Vivien Lierchant came to do Sweet Bird of Youth and then Pinter played Lenny for us in a production

of his The Homecoming - but that all got rather upmarket expensive, so we began discussing a new-play policy with only very young actors which we were just starting to put into action when the money and the

into action when the money and the local enthusiasm ran out; so we moved north to Glasgow.

"There too we started with a policy of famous old ladies in minklined vehicles, but Glasgow rapidly decided that Constance Cummings in Tennessee Williams's The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Any More was Southern degenerate rubbish, so we moved on in 1970 to the policy. so we moved on in 1970 to the policy we've stuck to ever since of a very young company in a wide range of

mew and classic work.

"Giles has this extraordinary impresario ability to take a mix of apparently ill-suited people and turn them into a team; he also is one of those very rare directors who relish being a house manager, so that he still stands in that bloody Glasgow foyer every night, all six foot four of him, and age hasn't made his appearance any more conventional, saying 'Good evening' to bewildered "Of course there was a certain

culture shock in going straight from Watford to Glasgow but it really is the most remarkably cosmopolitan city: no colour problems, no religious bigotry, and they seemed to accept us even sooner than we accepted them. Our only problem was a middle-class supposedly 'cultured' elite who kept making bizarre demands to see 'Scottish classics' on stage, whatever they might be. Luckily there's now Euan Hooper's Scottish Theatre Company to keep them quiet, and we can get on with the plays we believe in. I'd make only two claims for our first ten years at the Citizens': we kept an apparently dying theatre in existence, and we found a way thanks to an extremely tolerant and (thanks to an extremely tolerant and enlightened board of management) of giving ourselves total artistic

Three years into their Glasgow management Havergal and Prowse were joined by the playwright

MacDonald, and at around that time Prowse decided that, as he was in a position of some power, he would also encourage himself to direct: 'I'd always been a designer, and the other two choked a lot when I told them the news, but they seem to have taken it very well. My problem now is that in order to get taken seriously elsewhere as a director I have to turn down a lot of very lucrative opera and play design jobs. As a designer I stick to ballet, which is where I started."

Born 43 years ago in the Midlands, a sailor's son, Prowse grew up on the huge Littler Christmas pantomime extravaganzas in Birmingham, and by the age of 18 he was studying at the Slade: "They had this appalling concept of painters for the theatre' instead of roal designers, but it was a good real designers, but it was a good place to have been and I was lucky enough to get to Covent Garden in 1961, so I spent the next few years in reasonably constant work as a freelance ballet designer, working for directors who if they came from Europe did at least have some remote idea of what design was all about. Over here the usual lack of money backstage bas been turned into a terrible sort of virtue, so that true design in the European theatre sense is still virtually unknown.

"For a long time after I went to Glasgow I still kept pretending that I really wanted to be a designer first and a director second; actors in rehearsal made me very nervous, because I'd only ever met them in pubs or fitting-rooms and it took me a long time to get my ideas across." When he did, the result was a series of remarkable Glasgow productions including the professional world première of Coward's Semi-Monde (a kind of Grand Hotel on stage) and a Duchess of Malfi which went to the Theatre of Nations festival at a time when its other visiting directors were Barrault and Bergman:
"Around then I began to think
that I really could be a full-time

director, though until now I've only ever worked with our Glasgow

when you're pushing eminent ladies about the stage you have to mind your manners rather more. Writers seem to have got a lot softer here in London, too, since I went away; we are living on a myth of Great English Theatre. You go to Stratford and sit amid five hundred Japanese tourists watching a totally terrible Taming of the Shrew and you suddenly realize that they've no way of telling how terrible it is. It's like us going to Tokyo and gawping at Kabuki. How do we know it's not rubbish too?

"Directing is all about realizing that a script is only the beginning; it's only what the actors actually say to each other while they are on a stage. If a play exists perfectly on the page, then there's no point in doing it on the stage; a good script is only a notation of what people say. What happens then is up to a director; maybe that's why I seem to do so few modern plays. It doesn't help having the author standing around at rehearsal. In ballet the power of the director is total and accepted; in drama he's still sup-posed to be part of the team, and that's how you get all the rubbish.



them. For the last of these she recently appeared in a Broadway play, Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean, With a title like that it probably deserved its probably deserved its probably deserved.

"The wonderful thing about Glasgow is that most of our have never been to a theatre before they come to us, so they aren't sitting there complaining that it wasn't done like that at the Vic; and the actors too are new to it, so I listen to their ideas. Sometimes. Otherwise we might just as well save the money and have Gordon Craig's marionettes. But the curious thing about the actors we started at Glasgow over the last decade -Cheryl Campbell, John Duttine, Paola Dionisotti, Rupert Frazer — is that when I see them in London or on television I can hardly recognize them at all. Something seems to happen to people when they leave the Citizens'." Which is, just possibly, why Mr Prowse plans to stay there.

Hanover Square

Instead of a choir, the Parley

By then Handel's Italian flame had been half quen-ched by his deference to

English refinement. And once we had accepted the

usual vagaries of baroque

oboe playing, the musicians

on Monday responded sty-lishly to Handel's subtle

Perhaps in O Sing unto the Lord Miss Lane and Mr Partridge could have added

weight to their suspensions in the duet "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness", and the fury of

"The waves of the sea rage horribly" was tempered by poor instrumental coordi-

evening, complementing rap-turously Miss Lane's spon-taneous expressiveness in the aria "The Lord is righteous",

As if to hint at the distant

As it to hint at the distant sources of this music, the Parley included three sacred pieces by Monteverdi. Two simple hymn settings were counterbalanced by the more daring two voice version of

daring, two-voice version of Confitebor tibi, Domine. Here

Second Stride, a contem-

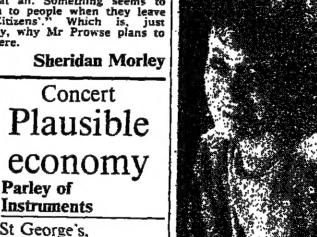
porary dance company pre-senting works by Siobhan Davies, Ian Spink and

Richard Alston, makes its debut at the Oxford Play-

house on May 5. After a British tour, which will include a London season at Riverside Studios from June

8 to 13, the company leaves for a four-week visit to the

Sheridan Morley



Karen Black: study of neurosis

heat, tin-roofed homestead and native resentment she goes mad and is savagely murdered.

At the core of the film is a remarkable performance by Karen Black, who offers a brilliantly controlled study of

a peurotic woman tripping over the threshold into insanity without forsaking

the capacity to evoke sym-pathy and fear for the eventual tragedy.

The actress has had an

interesting career: more than 30 films since her debut in Francis Coppola's You're a Big Boy Now, when he, too, was an unknown, and she has

worked with many major

directors — Hitchcock, Clay-ton, Schlesinger, Mike Nichols and Altman among

run of a mere six weeks. The critics roasted Altman, al-though he bad invested much

original and inventive stage-craft in the production, when

the piece itself was so trivial

that it scarcely warranted his

attention - unless to demon-strate how ineffective it is to

use sledgehammers to crack

of Instruments used the voices of Elizabeth Lane It was a disappointment for (deputizing for the sick Emma Kirkby), Ian Partridge and Stephen Roberts for Karen Black, who began her Emma Kirkby), Ian Partridge and Stephen Roberts for three of Handel's Chandos Anthems which they performed at their London Handel Festival concert on Monday. The excuse for such Monday. The excuse for such enormous respect for his skills in handling actors and economy was plausible enough. That was how the was easily persuaded into going back on the stage to Duke of Chandos would probably have heard them in

the second decade of the play a transexual in a silly play.

1700s.

By then Handel's Italian Rame had been half quenfor example, Airport 75, in which she was a stewardess who piloted a stricken 747 to a safe landing, achieving it. as aviation experts noted, without using the rudder. But then she also made Five Easy Pieces, with Jack Nicholson.

fear and sympathy The internationalism of film never ceases to surprise. I suppose, a strange picture to do. I got a phone call from production orginating from the Swedish Film Institute, filmed entirely on location in Zambia, with a Swedish crew, with British, American and Institute, and Institute, still living in the big house with my husband — oh dear, he used to take all my calls—anyway I said send the script. anyway I said send the script. When I got around to reading African actors, written and directed by a Rhodesia-raised Briton from the work of a South African novelist. The we talked it over and over. Grass is Singing was published in 1950, and it gave Doris Lessing her European stature. Michael Raeburn is a most difficult on the face of stature. Michael Raeburn is a documentarist whose interest in Black Africa attracted him to the novel for his first feature. John Thaw shed his television persona to play a failing up-country farmer who marries a town woman frightened by a looming spectacle of old-maidship. Unable to adjust to the flies, hard to get rid of it.

Cinema

African adventures of

"I was in Africa for two months working on the film, and very happy. I was in love with the director — we were about to be married. But it was a difficult film. He really wasn't treated very well. There was no first assistant director, for instance. There's a key scene where a maize field burns. A thing like that can easily get out of control, and there we were, the actors, in a burning field with no A.D. to tell us what to do. to do.

"They'd change the schedule, telling Michael at the last
moment. He was wonderful
with the African actors, in
fact he could make an actor
of any of them. But he'd send
someone out into the bush
for the next day's shooting
and then they'd tell him the
schedule had changed, and
they couldn't telephone the
man waiting out there because there was no phone. man waiting out there be-cause there was no phone.

"The Swedes found the conditions strange. They'd be sent to a hotel and then find that they couldn't take a shower, only a bath. So they would complain, and as for what they said about the lizards and the flies, and the heat and the distances! John Thaw was very funny — he's one of those people who can tell the same joke over and over again and still make it sound funny. He was worried about being typecast by The Sweency. I think he worries too much about it. You just have to play the part and find the truth in it."

This year she reaches her thirty-ninth birthday. She lives in Greenwich Village with her six-year-old son Hunter. "It took months to find that name — his father wanted to call him Liberty. and other names of that sort." She was raised in Illinois, in a suburb of Chicago. "I came to New York when I was 18 just like a nitwic but I was 100 much a nitwit, but I was too much I never thought of being in movies. I did all the rounds, and I worked at switch boards, waitressing all that stuff. During my first trip to Los Angeles to do the Coppola movie I became ill on the plane, and I thought my ears were going to burst. And then I was put in a car and driven out into the bright light. When I first saw the Sunset Strip I wanted to

"The next thing I shall do is a film called Deep Purple. It's set in 1939, in a sort of Walker Evans America of empty spaces punctuated by farms and glistening mud and truck tyres and Pepsi signs corroded by the weather. It will be directed by Paul Williams who made The Revolutionary with Jon Voight. It's about a woman who is looking for and thinks she has found the child she has given up for adoption but it's not really ber daughter. Anyhow, I like it."

Mayfield are focused through

The piano-playing, though, has changed a lot. Some of the sparkle has gone, and is replaced by a darker reson-

The bassist Len Skeat and

George Perry

### Jazz -

### Mose Allison

The Canteen-

replaced by a darker resonance: he makes pronsunced use of the loud redal, intentionally blurring some of his bustling parallel lines and sometimes sounding weirdly disorientated. By contrast, the verses of "How Much Truth" were separated by striking passages of glowing filigree.

The bassist Len Skeat and nation. But As Pants the laconic singing was much in Heart was performed with vogue among hipsters 20 lavish yearning, evoking appositely the dryness of a attention, or still, sun-baked Mediterrapean afternoon. I Will Magnify Thee elicited some of the mans like Tom Waits and mans like Tom Waits and mans like Tom Waits and best violin playing of the Rickie Lee Jones, should now be awakened to the enduring charm of this minor original.

Allison's vocal delivery has the drummer Art Morgan, still familiarizing themselves, hardly changed over years: his slack-jawed, un-mistakably rural diction still makes him sound like a boy from Mississippi dispensing handed-down wisdom over a jug of moonshine on a balmy front-porch evening.

Miss Lane and Mr Partridge Drawn from some surpris-engaged in colourful, erotic ing sources, but still containdialogue, crowned by the two ing a large proportion of the violins ushering them out songs with which he became gently with the dying echoes of the final, spare "Amen".

Stephen Pettitt

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Stephen St field. Songs from the canons of Nat Cole, Charles Brown, Hank Williams and Percy

had difficulty keeping up with him in the faster tunes on Monday, they seemed unsure whether he required straight 4/4 or a Latin 8/8, and tried to cover the

uncertainty with busy intills.
A strange, off-centre version of "You Are My Sunshine". however, barely touching the tune as written, was the very essence of an artist whose ability to retain his freshness will enliven Covent Garden's latest jazz bar for the next 10

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### Theatre Dramatic overkill

Royal Court

As Paul Kember's play vanished from the Royal Court stage before the production could reap the benefits of its Evening Standard award, here is another chance to catch up with the work of "the most promising play-

wright of 1980". As labels go, that seems pretty fair. Not Quite Jerusan records the experiences of a miscellaneous group of young English volunteers on kibbutz, all wet behind the ears on arrival and variously sadder and wiser at the end. Mr Kember writes as if he knows his subject at first hand and has the resolution to build his plot out of everyday incidents; and sel-ects his material so as to present a controlled experiment in living together for a national team who are famously not very good at it.

On the negative side, the everyday-life approach denies the piece any strong forward drive, and the metaphorical element is delivered in a solemn, didactic finale instead of arising from the story itself.

The two acts might he subtitled "work" and "play"; and the first is much the better of the two. In it we see the unhappy volunteers arriving in the midst of a desert to hang on to. Mick. as soon

Not Quite Jerusalem proves, weil founded) praju-

It is quite logical, but Mr Kember's invention flags as his message begins to loom. Perhaps the boys were saying something about the democratic farce of England. But the action sits down when it no longer has work routines rainstorm and miserably get-ting acquainted under the unsympathetic gaze of an Ilsraeli liaison officer and a strapping kibbutz girl, Gila. with a strong (and, as it

defences with a well-placed gag, and the nurse fainting dead away at the sight of blood. Meanwhile, the kibhutz ethic is gradually unfolding, and sharpening up

boys into a Crazy Gang medley ending with cropped trousers at which the Israelis decide to throw them out.

With introductions out of the way, the action moves on

There are a couple of tural pretensions, and Mike. Cambridge drog-out - the

second act, where the chore of appearing in the camp show stirs the working-class



boys, one fresh from sight-seeing in Tel Aviv ("tree took a good hair-hour", a self-styled Birmingham nurse with culobvious group-leader who characteristically turns the

Kember keeps up an ingenious flow of comic traffic, showing Mike breaking through Gila's belligerent the contrast between Israeli direct enthusiasm and British

evasive apathy.
That comes to a head in the



"Not Quite Jerusalem": David Threlfall, Leslee Udwin them as two yobs and a spinster hysteric than as impoverishing victims of

backgrounds. There remains some excellent comic acting in Les Waters's production, particularly from Kevin McNally as Harlow's own laughing boy and Leslee Udwin as the seductively pugnacious trac-

Love in Vain

Tricycle Bob Mason may be too new to playwriting to recognize the chances he missed. In retelling the story of Robert Johnson he pushes straight through the chronology from the time the boy ran away

He invents the life from studio, in the space between Johnson's blues songs; supposing that Betty Mae was the childhood sweetheart whom he left behind to a savage husband and casual whoming and that the bills. Sung the play is diffuse. The whoring, and that she kills him in a recording session at the urging of his entire home

Though the death is the inevitable end, and will be of a minstrel show, made up known to admirers of Johnson's music and anyone who son's music and anyone who racism. But every once in a son's music and anyone who bothers to read the programme notes, it is not actually a climactic event. There is one fine gimmick in the ending, which inaccurately has Johnson recording his last songs after being told by Betty Mae that she has poisoned him. Julian Littman, who is a physically pale but musically strong copy of Johnson, is at his best in that life blood, and Johnson's spirit only stirs in the music. Johnson, is at his best in that life blood, and Johnson's last scene, refusing to die, or spirit only stirs in the music. from a Mississippi plantation son, until he has made sure

on the other Brits that you at the age of 16 to the of immortality. If the entire are much more aware of moment of his death by story were told in that botel them as two yobs and a poison a decade later in 1938. room turned into a recording

sung, the play is diffuse. The comedy is usually made through negro dialect rather certainly unintentional effect

Ned Chaillet

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# A nasty lot, nicely portrayed

Agrippina

Sadler's Wells

Winton Dean has categorized "antiheroic operas". Of the eight characters only one, Otho, is at all admirable: of London taste. the others, Grimani's text make mockery or paint in unflattering colours—reaso-nably, since they include the Roman emperor Claudius, his wife Agrippina, her son Nero
Thomas's clownish caricaand his subsequent wife ture of Claudius—if chiefly

Kent Opera's production,

to be seen in London this

week (the remaining per-

formance is tomorrow), is a joint effort by Christopher

Eruce and Norman Platt, who

do not scruple to expose the absurdity of Claudius's pos-

turing self-glorification and stripling Nero is almost a the simpering, sulky maligable collector's piece. She had nity and sexual thirst of trouble on Monday with her Nero—and indeed to mock the nature of da capo aria "Coll' ardor del tuo bel form itself, which Handel in core", chiefly because she his Italian apprentice years was set so precipitous a pace was not yet ready to shorten by the young conductor Ivan and vary. as he did for Fischer, who raises eyebrows

Stanley Sadie reviewed the how to make a "baroque" production when it was first orchestra sound well. shown. It only remains for me to praise again the lovely, stylish settings by Roger Butlin, to connive at David ture of Claudius-if chiefly because he clowns as ex-pertly as he sings the part and to express admiration for Felicity Palmer's powerful, eloquent portrayal of the title role, a horrible creature, absolutely serious and marvellous to listen to.

Cynthia Buchan's nasty

with his special orchestral effects, but certainly knows

Paul Esswood has the ungrateful task of playing the only good guy in a wicked world, as boring as Sir Galahad in Arthurian legend: Esswood looks suitably robust, and sings his most like the state of the state music with real nobility.
Otho is the lucky man who
finally gets Meryl Drower's
luscious sweetmeat Poppaea. She is another good reason for seeing and hearing Handel's Agrippina.

William Mann United States.

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# Pal's paradox: the reformers Ao want martial law to stay

by Roger Boyes

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ers can go to and bemedalled the opera without the opera without the opera without if the official to be believed, marrial ed its first main goal: order", crush Solidarists, and create the calm dialogue and still the dialogue, and still the of the military, though stainless, is intact.

the winter has been the hen the spring (for that is erplan) must belong to the is nowhere to be seen; it is a dissonant and shrill, calling

Tomorrow the Communist Party, flias the Polish United Workers Party, tries to establish that it is business as usual in Poland and that it is back in centre stage. The second plenary meeting of the party's central committee has banished controversial subjects from the agenda and will focus on the economy. All wings of the party are agreed that the economy is in a mess; most of the party agrees there should be some form of limited decentralization; many feel that the hardships inflicted on ordinary Poles by the latest food price rises should be tempered slightly (though with much fanfare). with much fanfare).

Four months ago, after the declaration of martial law, it was possible for Poland to go one of two routes: that of Mr Janos Kadar, the Hungarian leader, whose economic reforms have bought a degree of consumer satisfaction, or the way of Mr Gustav Husak, the Czechoslovak leader, who has concentrated on "normalization", weeding out those dissatisfied with the system.

But the fighting in the party has led to a blurring of the two options and, more by default than anything

clse, a patchwork compromise is emerging that has left the party rank and file utterly bewildered. This is known as the Polish solution.

"All politics is carrot and stick," says a reformist member of the party's idelogical commission. "We believe in a regular diet of carrots and occasionally some application of the stick. They (the hardliners) believe in stick, stick and giving out the occasional carrot when they're

short of breath".

In fact, nobody in Poland much believes in carrots any more, ensuring that a Kadarist solution -encouraging people to work and produce more because there are desirable things to buy—cannot

May Day slogans, to be drawn up at the plenum, will urge Poles to work more for Poland. Most factories, however, are at a stand-still not because of go-slows but because of the chronic shortage of raw materials, itself a result of mismanagement,

The price increases mean that goods are inaccessible and that there is no link between producing more and being better off. The result is a type of industrial agnosticism that will be cured only when people start believing in the competence of government to solve problems. That, in turn, can be achieved only through dialogue between leaders and led, a restoration of trust in the party.

That, at any rate, is the view of the reformists in the Communist Party, supported in stronger lan-guage by the Catholic Church and even by moderate elements in the underground. The hardliners, the dogmatic ideologists, believe by contrast that motivation is a matter of discipline. Dialogue with auti-socialist forces—Solidarity, say —leads only to concessions and slippery paths.

This then is the Polish paradox: it is the reformists, those who want to see a new, improved Communist Party responsive to the people and the Church, who want marrial law to stay in place. Those who privately deplore the internment of thousands of dissidents are actually the most zealous supporters of military

There are two reasons for this. In the first place, dialogue needs time for results to show, it needs a basic minimum of social order. The reformists argue for a two-tier front of national understanding that would group the PUWP with its two more or less loyal satellite parties, the Peasants Party and the Demo-cratic Party, and even the lay Catholic Pax party.

This would create the impression that communist rule is not being imposed on Poland but rather emerges out of a consensus. Feeding into the upper tier would be the "social forces" — trade unions, the youth movement and so on. They would not have, as Solidarity once laid claim to, equal say in running the economy but would be consulted. To buy negotiating time to achieve this "power-sharing" arrangement, argue the reformists, the Solidarity leadership has to be kept under lock and key for a while

The second reason for continuing martial law is the uncertainty surrounding Soviet policy. "Brezhnev could die in two months, two days, two years," says a leading party jounalist. "We would be fools to lift martial law before the leadership question is resolved."

There is a certain logic to this line of thought. If martial law is lifted now and open fighting breaks out, the Soviet Union will obviously be worried. If, in addition, Mr Brezhnev dies and a hardline leadership slips into place even for an interregnum, the whole point of martial law — to put the Polish house in order before Soviet troops - would have been negated.

The Polish hard line Marxists give this line of thought little time. With

firm party control, they say, the Soviet Union will allow Poland to seek its own destiny. The solution then is to base the party on a firmer ideological basis, strengthen links with the Soviet Union and phase out with the Soviet Union and phase out martial law. Thus the army, far from being the dominant force in Polish politics, has become something of a political football, dribbled rather than kicked between the party factions.

General Jaruzelski's real power rests with his control of the economy — through his office as Prime Minister — rather than his control of the army (as Defence Minister and head of the Military Council). But he can and does effectively use his multiplicity of functions to bolster the case of the reform-minded in the Communist Party at a time when the hardliners seem to be scoring points.

The recent banning of the journalists'old union, the sacking of a liberal reformer as Rector of Warsaw University — these seem on the face of it to show that the hardened core of dogmatists in the hardened core of dogmatists in the party are gathering strength. But this may be viewing the situation from the wrong end of the telescope: had it not been for the party reformers and in at least one instance the personal intervention of General Jaruzelski, the hardliners would have got away with much more. Some had called for the sacking of 40 per cent of the nation's journalists. These demands have been watered down after have been watered down after skirmishes with the reformists.

But during all this infighting, the essential issue — Poland's destiny — is at best neglected, at worst exploited for personal advantage. General Jaruzelski is manifestly a patriot who employed the military for natriotic numbers that much be for patriotic purposes: that much he must be credited for. But over the last four months, the source of his power — military support for the rebuilding of trust in Communist Party government - has become a



Crowds line the way for Queen Victoria's visit to Epping Forest in 1882,

# The long march of the footpath revolutionaries

To grant such rights, the freedom to roam places parliament will have to show that are the straightforward more firmness on the first shot in what will have to be a long campaign to improve the rights of those who want to walk in the country. There have been many radical access Bills in the past — and all have failed. But this is an extraordinarily apt year to see another attempt.

To grant such rights, the freedom to roam places that are the straightforward norm in countries such as country will not be able to rely on old legal traditions (hence the need for fresh legislation). The ancient rights of commons very seldom granted free who wanted it: there were no ramblers' clubs in medieval ordinarily apt year to see another attempt. another attempt.

One hundred years ago, on not recreation.

May 6, 1882, Queen Victoria The industr declared Epping Forest open for "the use and enjoyment of my people for all time". This reassertion of a right long eroded by landowners was made only after a long and occasionally deliberately illegal struggle by locals, backed by the wealthy campaigners of what was soon to become The Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preser-

vation Society (COSFPS), Fifty years ago this Satur-day, April 24, 1932, several hundred ramblers, inspired and led by young socialists, organized a mass trespass on Kinder Scout, in the Peak District, Until 1836 Kinder had been "King's Land", and was prized and unchallenged walking country until it fell

to private ownership and This Saturday will see Bernard Rothman, a leader of the trespass, at the head of a celebratory re-enactment. Not all those Sheffield and Manchester walkers became account of the aspirations which led the Ramblers' Association and others to

legislation for walkers' rights. It came in the form of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949, which has proved finer in rhetoric than action. The National Parks have been constantly eroded and access to the countryside is very patchy, even to wilderness areas where only sheep graze and grouse lurk.

The proposals by Andrew Bennett — he is Labour MP for Stockport North — are modest enough: among them that local authorities should be under more urgent requirement to keep open what paths there are, and be more vigorous in invoking the

powers that already exist to create new ones; and that wilderness land should be open to walkers. The Charter notes the two quite separate notorious Wildlife needs of walkers; for rights Countryside Act 1981. of way on land where it would be impractical for them to roam freely, and for the right to roam on land where it is manifest they will

The industrial revolution changed all that, and it radically altered the politics of the countryside. Wordsworth, an occasional trespasser, told an irate landowner who remonstrated with him: "I broke your wall down, Sir John. It was obstructing an ancient right obstructing an ancient right of way, and I will do it again: I am a Tory, but scratch me on the back deep enough and you will find the Whig in me

And it was Canon Hard-wicke Rawnsley, doughty fighter against bad white bread and slate quarry rail-ways in the Lakes — and a Ruskinite who became chap-lain to King Edward VII — who led the Keswick and District Foomaths Associ-District Footpaths Association in several barrier-bashing forays on footpaths which had been blocked by farmers. Two thousand people walked a disputed road on Laping in 1886, under Canon Rawnsley's banner. They won access eventually (as did

Bennett says that worst, perhaps, is the virtual banishment of walkers from the roads and lanes by their worst enemy, the car. And farmers turn thousands of acres of meadowland (on which one can walk) into barley prairie (on which one cannot). Survey after survey show that footpaths are seldom way marked, which local authorities are statutorily obliged to ensure, and that farmers routinely plough or obstruct footpaths, which they have a statutory

obligation not to do. Legal moves are now afoot by Corpus Christi College. Oxford; and others to undo some of the protection re-cently accorded the com-mons, and some landowners are said to be exploring a loophole in footpath protection opened up by the notorious Wildlife and

There remain scores of square miles even in the Peak District National Park where people can be, and often are, accessible, challenged by keepers; as they quite harmlessly seek.

Britain. Woods and wilder-nesses were places of fear, fields with public rights of not recreation. way across them.

Against all this, 20 per cent of the population take what could be called serious walks in the country. "This is the make or break decade", says David Clark, chairman of COSFPS, who introduced his own unsuccessful access Bill in February. There is all the evidence in the world of people's desire to walk for recreation, and plenty of high-level Civil Service and Boyal Commission evidence Royal Commission evidence that walkers do precious little damage.

But the opposition is hugely powerful: the farming and landowning lobby will at the very least claim expensive compensation in exchange for access, in spite of the ethical dubiousness of the private Bills by which their forefathers first got rid of it.

The Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society is relaunching itself next month. The loss of its quaint name will be a pity (its Manchester walkers became the mass trespassers in the members of the formal the mass trespassers in the movement for access, but the case of Kinder), and a growing realization that it is movement for access, but the case of Kinder), and a growing realization that it is movement and lamented Howard became the National Trust. inappropriateness of the laws and myths surrounding public rights in the country Our own age adds to some of the old problems and adds several of its own. Andrew Bennett says that worst, perhaps, is the virtual banish-looking for a new law, and for proper political aware-

ness of the issues. Towards this end, the Council for the Protection of Rural England is testing the candidates in the forth-coming Oxfordshire district council elections (polling day, May 6) on their attitudes to the proposal that there should be renewed access into the 2,000 acres of Wychwood Forest, which has been effectively closed over recent years in spite of a long tradition of footpath usage there.

The election day marks the exact centenary of Queen Victoria's declaration of people's freedom to use Epping Forest. It might yet make a marvellous cele-bration by notching up some commitment to improve the access arrangements for Oxfordshire's walkers by which only 111 of the country's 27,000 acres of woodland are currently

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# Can BR get the union elephant off the line?

his report on flexible rosterwill again "fudge the issue". He is, in their view, a compulsive fudger of any issue put before him. They believe he will show this by commending more flexible

more difficult and painful Should it swallow hard and go along with a McCarthy policy of gradualism, accepting that, after years of sweet But

Or should it, as the hard men of the board believe, put now runs through this dis- and track capacity than can

Why there is

action at Acton

The London evening paper, The

Standard, scored a coup last year when a reporter and photogra-

pher paid a nocturnal visit to London Transport's Acton work-shops and found them full of sleepers — employees who were supposed to be working the night shift. It now appears that the

revelation might more properly have been a cause for LTE pride

In a paper delivered at the Institution of Mechanical Engin-cers' headquarters on Monday night, Gordon Hafter of London

Transport revealed that there is

precious little work for Acton to do. Barring accidents, London's

tube trains return there only three times in their lifespan, at

The minimal work is all that is

needed because the carriages now

have their entire structure, other

than interior trim, made of aluminium alloy. No noticeable

corrosion has taken place, even

in London's atmosphere, on any stock built since 1949, except

some built between 1959 and 1962

London Transport have won a

contract worth almost £11/2m to

help modernize the New York

years, I expect, the American

workers will be able to take it

casy too.

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than scandal.

nine-year intervals.



Lord McCarthy: any advance on January?

Lord McCarthy finalizes precipitate further industrial action, condemning the ing, to be presented later this country to more disruption month, there is weary resignand inconvenience, and nation at British Rail that he British Rail to more damage

BR's annual staff costs. working for drivers without To take that road, it is train by pressing a button on requiring it of them. That argued, is to play into the a cable television set. will leave the dispute exactly hands of a government A further flick of the where it was before the hostile to rail which, while switch will book a seat on the damaging January strikes; unhappy about public disrup-and the Board with an even tion, is entirely happy with a

selfish bigotry of a trade concination. Sir Peter Parker attraction to the Board, inadvertently picked the wrong ground when he finally decided on confrontation.

There is also the hardly

50 per cent because of lower will fall, and with it the case for continuing to support BR, unless the cost and price of rail travel is brought it can ill afford. And for what, it may be asked? An immediate saving of perhaps service improved immeasurable may ear, or 1 per cent of ably in the process.

For example, it should be possible by 1995 to look up a

While serving the customer, the computer will simultaneously plan train movements, and actually control them on the track. A computer can in theory make a better job of optimiz-

# be done by computers and associated techniques' ment morale which Sir Peter has so zealously nurtured, will collapse entirely, and future executives the industry needs will start to look alsowhere.

Rail has a vision of the succession of steps to a more individual welfare is not the future which must be largely realized if it believes there is will be reached only by going and survival are much to the to be a future. It is of the through the tunnel. cybernetic railway of the cybernetic railway of the 1990s in which tasks now performed laboriously and inefficiently by people will be done by computers and associated techniques.

The market for travel is expected to expand by up to 50 per cent because of lower

a change of crew . retirement age, more Birmingham h students and more leisure line drivers' de

unnappy about public disruption, is entirely happy with a public demonstration of the incompetence of a public sector industry and the selfish bigotry of a trade

vision can fail to spot the ing the three-fold resources high emotional charge that of rolling stock, train crews

main brake. To BR's hawks, the Aslef drivers' dispute is seen in that light. Flexible less potent light-at-end-of-the-tunnel factor. British much in itself but as one of a

'British Rail has a vision . . . in which tasks will

To take one example, train drivers work from depots, each of which has a defined territory, based on prewar distance factors or even the old private railway companies, beyond which a train cannot proceed without

Birmingham has two main-Saltley serving the Bristol-Sheffield line; and one at New Street for the Euston-Preston line. They are not interchangeable, and even on their own line there are limits: a Bristol man will not go north of Derby, for example. Such practices are not compatible with a computerized railway.

suggest that Aslef members are the sole culprits. Many freight trains that really need a crew of only one - the driver — have a superfluous second person, (Aslef) as well as a superfluous third (NUR) in the rear-facing cab of the same locomotive. The NUR has so far refused to sacrifice these erstwhile guards on the altar of change.

The automated railway of the 1990s could have a labour force half or less that of today's 170,000; and were it men of the board believe, put now runs inrough this dis-the boot in, by imposing on pute. Fear of losing face by an army of clerks.

drivers a change they have giving in has become a major The railway, with its believes it could manage the failed to negotiate? That factor If the Board caves in guided track and teleconwould almost certainly now, it is said that manage- trols, has long been seen as a well. More than half the train

and many, it is thought, would willingly take them if the choice were theirs alone. But as indicated earlier, individual welfare is not the

Meanwhile, those favour-ing a soft line argue that though the strategy of change is right, the tactics on this occasion have been wrong. Many have been shaken by the apparent determination of middle-aged moderates in Aslef, not young hotheads or dedicated lefties, to win this fight, thus resealing an unsurrected. revealing unsuspected swamp in the battlefield that looked good to the Board generals when they scanned it with their binoculars and

The argument that "we have to win this or we might as well throw in the towel" is rejected on the ground that there is no domino effect: Aslef and the others have a It would be wrong to defence in depth of serried ranks of restrictive practices beyond inflexible rostering, and between BR and the end of the tunnel. They will have to be dealt with patiently, step by step, as McCarthy is

likely to suggest. Readers of the Rev Wilbert Awdry's children's books on trains will recall the tale of the tunnel blocked by an elephant. Can an elephant like Aslef be shunted out, or does it have to be coaxed?

That is a question that is likely to face not only the BR Board but the country very

Michael Baily Transport Correspondent | do no harm.

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I am glad to report that Kenneth Collev will complete his television role as our national sea hero in Central

Television's I Remember Nelson without suffering anything so unsightly as the loss of an eye. The series of plays (the second is shown tonight) are all set in the last few years of Nelson's life, but there is no glimpse of his eye

Baker's roll call

Even now they have not taken all

patch, or visible suggestion of his blindness. Hugh Whitemore, who wrote the not usually wear a patch indoors, and though he did wear it on deck during battles, it is assumed it was taken off when he was injured at Trajalgar and carried

plays, claims historical accuracy is on his side. Nelson lost the sight of his right eye, but not the eye itself, in Corsica in 1794. He did

a special relationship weams any

il'm just not sure, Tony, that

the poetry out of politics. Tonight there will be a gathering of ministers at Victoria station. No, not an evacuation, but a book launch for London Lines, an anthology of poetry about the capital edited by Kenneth Baker, our very cultivated Minister of Industry and Information Tech-Several of the poets Baker has

chosen for inclusion have agreed to attend, and the affair will cross party lines since they included Lady Wilson and Roger Woddis, the satirical versifier of the New Statesman.

### whose floor plates were made of mild steel. Those had to be replaced at the half-life overhaul. Now a team of advisers from Double decker

An arctophile, a lover of bears, triumphed in the finals of the City Transit System, its overhaul sandwich of the year competition shops and depots. Within a few yesterday. Elizabeth Walker, a restaurant manageress at ICL's Wilton plant on Merseyside, carried off both first prizes

against stiff (though fortunately not literally so) competition at the Flour Advisory Bureau. Elizabeth, who owns six teddy bears, one of which she was

below decks to die.

clutching for luck, won £1,600. Her Cleveland Smokey, a heady mixture of smoked ham, red and green apples and mango chutney butter on wheatmeal bread, swept the board in the hand-held sandwich class; her Chicken Merlin, crumbled bacon, diced chicken and avocado pear bound in natural yoghurt and fresh cream flavoured with coriander and tabasco on brown bread, took the honours in the knife and fork

### One swallow

Dolamore, the independent wine merchants by appointment to the

What she could do with some sliced grizzly I hesitate to

imagine, but bear's paw is a well-established oriental delicacy.



bottles -- which is how the digestive nips called Underberg are often described

Underberg's two contilitre bottles are supposed to be drained at a gulp for best restorative effect after a good meal. Some rate them as a hangover cure too, and Germans, who are renowned for gross appetites, swallow a million

The red-stoppered bottles, wrapped in brown paper, bear the legend Semper idem, but legend I fear it is. Since Hubet Underberg founded the firm with a secret family recipe in 1846 it has been found that some of the herbs

poisonous, and they are now omitted. Moreover, the proof—bitherto a high 84 degrees—is about to be reduced in an effort to keep down the price, as well as

### ... not a sip

They said anything could happen. Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury, thought he was being very diplomatic when he laid in a bottle of Smirnoff vodka to entertain Nicolai Ouspensky, First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy, who had agreed to address a meeting on disarmaaddress a meeting on disarmament in his constituency.

Alas, the Russian refused point blank to drink it. "That is not vodka", he said. "It does not taste of anything. That is a drink for Americane". address a meeting on disarma-

for Americans". Bank after bank in the United States is urging its customers to put your money in the IRA". The initials, I am relieved to say. stand for Individual Retirement

### Opium's slave

Account.

Colin Davison, of Bransholme, near Hull, has discovered letters written by William Wilberforce, the anti-slavery campaigner, which are said to reveal that he enjoyed opium. A Sotheby's expert says: "They could be extremely valuable."

Yet as Alethea Hayter, the author of Opium and the Roman-Queen, are to be distributors for from 43 countries included in the tic Imagination, confirms, the the world's smallest hot water original brew were actually fact that Wilberforce was an

opium addict most of his life is. well known. He first took the drug while suffering an internal disorder. It became a habit which

lasted 45 years. :: Wilberforce was in good company. Apart from Thomas de. Quincey, other nineteenth cen-tury figures who used the drug, which Baudelaire called his vieille et terrible amie, included Cole-ridge, Wilkie Collins, Edgar Allan Poe and possibly Keats.

### Holy Muppet

That the Queen's press secretary, Michael Shea, really referred to Her Majesty as "Miss Piggyface" I cannot imagine, but I venture to suggest it would not be too terrible if he had. My illustration suggests the world's most beautiful Muppet may have been a Hindu goddess in a previous incarnation. It comes from the catalogue of the Hayward Gallery exhibition In the Image of Man, which identi- fies the Miss Piggy look-alike as Varahi, the female escort of Varaha, boar incarnation of Vishnu.

Basil Fawlty has won the Queen's award for export achievement. John Cleese, his creator, is naturally delighted. Video Arts, the company which makes train-ing films and which distributes two episodes of Faulty Towers as such, subsidized Cleese's income while he was preparing the

Basil's forte

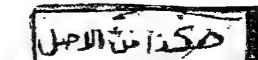
television series. There are now almost 50 films, used by 18,000 companies in Britain, including 90 of the top 100, and in 24 countries around the world. Cleese says that at last he feels he has done something useful, but Fawity says that training is a serious matter, and he is not surprised that Video Arts' frivolous attitude appeals to foreigners.

The Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce has cancelled a trade visit to Argentina this October because of the Falklands invasion. They will go instead to Chile.

### Hamlet's ghost?

Anthony. Andrews, lately of Brideshead Revisited, tells me the . Algonquin Hotel in New York has found a successor to Hamlet, its white and marmalade cat who died of kidney failure after 12 years' service and sociability.

The hotel, much favoured by literary and theatrical men, has recruited a cat of uncannily similar appearance who has duly been christened Hamlet II.



cool). If sovereignty were award-

ed to Argentina, we would repatriate the islanders, and take

any further steps necessary to comply with the court's judgment. If British sovereignty

were confirmed we would con-

tinue to administer the islands, subject to any agreement to the contrary with Argentina at any

I would find it reassuring if

our Government confirmed its willingness to countenance such a peaceful and definitive settlement of the Falklands dispute. To do so could hardly diminish our international standing.

Sir, In the scurry to force this country to hand over the Falk-land Islands to Argentina, has the question of what Argentina might do with them been discussed?

Will any hand-over include a provision that the islands will not

be converted to military use and serve a power hostile to Nato as a

base for military operations in the South Atlantic?

Sir, After their advice to athletics

about competing in Moscow, and to cricketers playing in South Africa, what are the British

Government going to say to footballers who are due to take part with Argentina in the World Cup?

From Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that

Sir, It may be that the only

negoriations with Argentina will be very properly limited to the amount of reparations they are to

pay the British taxpayer by way

of civil damages for expenses incurred by the Royal Navy in re-

establishing the rule of inter-

Scottish volunteers in honour of our Auld Alliance with France to

recover the Channel Islands for the French Republic; and trust that we will hand over all North

Sea oil to Norway as soon as they (or Denmark) redeem the

Orkneys and Shetlands which we only hold in pawn for a royal dowry, unpaid since 1468 but doubtless redeemable now in

paper money instead of gold.

IAIN MONCREIFFE OF THAT

Otherwise, I hereby call for

time in the future.

Yours sincerely.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

Cuddington, Northwich,

national law.

Yours truly,

Easter Moncreiffe,

April 18.

Лk, QC

Park Crescent,

JOYCE CHAPLIN,

Flat 1, 76 Shooters Hill Road, SE3.

From Mr Christopher Taylor

CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR.

DERRICK WYATT,

St Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

From Mrs Joyce Chaplin



# ipping Forest in 1882.

FIRST PRINCIPLES FIRST "Hen begin with blows, but squeeze, continues its passage

then reverses come upon south. Nelson described a them they have recourse to fleet of British ships of war as words", said the Athenians the best negotiators in long before such a device Europe: that may now have to occurred to Argentina. The that been provoked by their decision to invade, not by the 150 year-old history of dis-The original ingredients of puted claims between Britain and Argentina over the sovereignty of those islands. There may have been occasions during that time — though certainly not recently — when Britain has refused to discuss the dispute or negotiate aspects of it. However, there

have also been occasions, notably in 1948, when Britain offered to join with Argentina in a referral to the International Court at the Hague. Argentine refused; an act which was hardly consistent. with its oft-proclaimed view of the soundness of its claim. to sovereignty.
Inevitably, in negotiations,
the desire to reach agreement threatens both sides' desire to secure objectives. When we have a period of negotiations.

interrupted by an aggression, the only sound principle to apply is to restore the situation to that which obtained before the aggression. Failure to do so would only encourage every negotiator to seek to advance his cause by recourse to aggressive tactics whenever the pace of negotiations - frustrated him. Yet the peaceful resolution of all disputes lies at the very heart of contemporary international

The British Government is wise therefore to avoid being hustled into accepting any formula offered by Argentina through Mr Haig simply because the world community would prefer the disputants to: reach any udged agreement sooner rather than a clearer one later. The world commust come, perforce, to remember it.

than Mr Haig has been able to way on these fundamental ciples.

apply even more so to the South Atlantic.

THEITIMES

this crisis are thus still with us and virtually unchanged since the day of the first aggression. First, there is the law, both in regard to sove-reignty and to the resolution of disputes between states. It is not necessary to go into copious legal detail to establish that Britain's title to sovereignty over the Falkland Islands was absolutely lawful at the time it was originally established and whatever new circumstances now apply
that is still the legal basis on which sovereignty is assessed. Moreover, the claim by Argentina to extend its continental slielf to include the Falkland Islands is not only legally questionable as regards the shelf, but, even if valid, would not affect the issue of sovereignty of the land above the shelf. The Falklands belong to Britain.

all current international laws: It was in breach of the UN Charter to refrain from the use of force against a country's territorial integrity and it was also in breach of the general obligation to pursue disputes through peaceful means. Finally, in law, Britain is fully covered under Article 51 to take action against aggression consistent with its inherent right of self defence though such action must be limited and proportionate. Nothing yet planned or suggested - task force, exclusion zone, or even reoccu-pation — exceeds that right.

The next aspect of the crisis concerns the people of munity is only a community the Falklands. There is again because it has come to respect an undeniable legal right certain laws and conventions recognized by the inter-— certain modes of behaviour national community to enable between states — which it has peoples to have self determias much interest in respecting nation, either by indepen-and preserving as Britain has dence, or through associate and preserving as Britain has, dence, or through associate Those laws, that convention, status, or by integration with have been flouted by Argenti- other countries; but all by na; if the world community, consent. The Falklanders are in the interests of a quiet life, or under the particular sense; and such a people is influence of regional or post-colonial prejudices which have no relevance to this. So the Argentine invasion is general principle, neverthe- also in breach of Article 24 of less wants to forget the the UN Charter, concerning principle. Britain must not the right of all peoples to selfforget it herself; and Argentina determination. In the interests of preserving respect for international law, therefore, enshrined in the UN Charter and amplified by the recent Security Council resolution, nothing can or should now be agreed to which compromises. those legal principles.

The third dimension of the crisis is the position of the two Governments at odds with each other. We have to respect the fact that, though illegal, the Argentine invasion represents perhaps the only popular event in recent Argentine history. The uncertainties and tensions within the Junta, and perhaps an underlying sense of Spanish machismo appalled at the prospect of losing a contest of wills with a woman, are not unimportant psychological factors when assessing the squeeze more out of Argentina capacity of Argentina to give

up the lost ground, and by the

time Labour lost office aver-

age rents had fallen to no

more than 6.3 per cent of average earnings — far below

the level required even to

cover housing management

The new administration

came to power determined to

reverse this trend decisively:

after successive increases,

average rents have risen this

month to a level twice as

high, in cash terms, as that of 1979. Mr Gerald Kaufman,

chief Opposition spokesman

on housing, claimed in Dec-ember that this would bring them up to nine per cent of average earnings. The in-crease is certainly a stiff one

over a short period, rep-

resenting a larger rise in

and maintenance costs.

### Keeping vehicles off pavements principles. But one should not be too bemused or seduced by

such an argument. Argentina

has shown in its dispute with

Chile that it resolutely disregards the verdicts of me-

diators when they go against it. Several times Argentina

and Chile have taken their dispute about the Beagle

Channel to a mediator and

when each time the verdict

has gone to Chile, Argentine has revoked its agreement to abide by the verdict. The

precedents therefore are dis-

Of course, there is much to negotiate about after these principles have been vindi-

cated. There can be some room for an Argentine pres-ence on the Falklands during

the period when the wishes of

the Islanders are being deter-

mined — though only under the most stringent conditions.

There can also be a greater readiness on the part of the

British Government to recog-

nise that the issue of sover-

eignty is in dispute, emotion-ally, if not legally, and has to

be resolved sometime soon. Perhaps Britain should sug-gest to Argentina that it is

now taken to the Hague,

where it belongs more than in

the operations rooms of op-

on the interests of the Island-

ers artificially narrows the issue and excludes a wider

interest which should concern

Britain's relationships with

the whole continent of Latin

America. But there are two sides to this argument. The frontiers of Latin America are

not hermetically sealed with the authority of history. Disputes abound, which might

find a new stimulus in the spectacle of Argentina suc-cessfully achieving an exten-sion to her frontiers, and the

upholding of a spurious claim, simply by force of

arms. Belize is under threat;

so is Guyana; Peru and

Bolivia both contain strong revanchist claims on Chile, as does Argentina itself in the Beagle Channel: Moreover the

arguments which Argentina maintains to uphold its claim to the Falklands might entitle

Mexico some time in the future to advance the same

kind of theories for reclaim-ing much of the Pacific southwest from the United

States. Mr Haig — or more particularly Mrs Kirkpatrick — might brood seriously on

ests in Latin America will be

damaged by a refusal to compromise on this dispute without letting the situation

deteriorate further, perhaps even to the point where a

serious political crisis is provoked in Argentina. That

damage to Britain will have to

be weighed up against an even

wider interest in the world; to

uphold international law, and

to be seen to be a country which has the will and capacity to honour its word not only in legal matters but

in the much more crucial area

of the defence of its people.

"Britain has no eternal allies;

and no eternal enemies. Only our interests are eternal,"

said Lord Palmerston. Our

interests here require us to

that implication.

It is held that overemphasis

posing navies.

couraging.

From Mr Graham Chainey Sir, A recently published Government report tells us (report, April 16) that our pavements and footways are deteriorating, that millions of pounds in compensation is paid annually to pedestrians who have fallen and sustained injuries as a result, and that much of the blame for the situation attaches to vehicles

which mount the pavement.
The average walker in most British urban areas does not need

British urban areas does not need a 100-page report to know this. The encroachment of cars, forries and motor cycles on to the pavement is a rapidly spreading offence. With streets increasingly congested and parking space increasingly hard to find, motorists now look upon pavements as an opportune extension of their domain, regardless of the rights of pedestrians or of the fact that driving on the pavement contravenes the Highway Act of 1835 (Section 7 of the Road Traffic Act of 1974, which specifically bans parking on the pavement, though passed by Parliament, has yet to be implemented).

There are many streets in the

There are many streets in the West End of London, to take only one example, where the walker now often finds his way totally blocked and is obliged to risk his person in the carriageway.

The police often claim to have more important offences to deal with, but surely it is in the interest of local councils, who have to foot the bill for smashed flagstones and other damage, to try to check this abuse. The solution in many urban areas would seem to be simple: large numbers of strategically placed bollards. Bollards from premotorised times have constituted the pedestrian's traditional pro-tection against wheeled menace; they need not be unsightly, nor expensive: certainly the single expense of their installation would compare favourably with the endless outlay on pavement repairs

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM CHAINEY 47 St Barnabas Road, Cambridge.

### University Principal

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London

Sir, It is bad enough to read in The Times (April 20) of an appointment to the Principalship of London University before ever such an appointment has been made. But to read in addition the names of allegedly unsuccessful candidates is still more seriously

disturbing.

April as "the cruellest month" is one characteristic of Eliot's Waste Land too, and I recall that in April, 1981, Lord Scarman had to protest to you in the strongest terms of "the damage" you had a strong to the strong terms of "the damage" you had the the true in the strong terms of "the strong terms of the great university" and the "embarrassment, even distress, to individuals".

That was in connection with he Vice-Chancellorship. This new irresponsibility deserves equally vigorous reproof and equally profound apology to the gentlemen named. Yours faithfully,

RANDOLPH QUIRK, University of London, Senute House, Majet Street, WC1. April 20.

### Channel tunnel

From Mr Roger Coombs Sir, Your leader on the doubtful future of the Channel tunnel (April 14) suggests that British Rail's "mousehole" raises no environmental problems. In the

same breath you declare, some-what wistfully, how pleasant it would be to have "car and container trains from Kent to all resolve this dispute peacefully if possible, but only in accordance with first prinparts of Europe"

parts of Europe".

Not so, Sir, for the people of Kent and those who love its byways of orchards and hop gardens! If the mousehole is to emerge in Kent at the kind of road-rail interchange you hanker after then our rural roads would be ravaged by intolerable traffic funnelled from all parts of the country—an environmental consequence that has been continually discounted by politicians tinually discounted by politicians and planners.

Your comment on the Caim-cross report also surprisingly ignores a crucial difference between the 1974 and 1982 concepts - the abandonment of the high-speed rail link between London and the tunnel. This above all other factors makes the British Rail scheme ineffectual and uncompetitive compared with existing ways of crossing the Channel. Yours faithfully.

ROGER COOMBS, Spindles, Goudhurst, Kent

### Chiming in concert

From Professor Sydney A. Urry Sir, Many quartz watches now on the market possess a so-called hourly chime. I am sure that this facility serves a useful purpose but at a recent Barbican contert I found that these timepieces can be distracting during a quiet passage in the music. What will happen if these

course, these words appear elsewhere: "country dweller" under "inhabitant" and "fellow countryman and woman" under native).
Certainly there is a tendency in Hughenden Valley, High Wyrombe, Buckinghamshire.

### British principles in Falklands context

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Lord Jenkins of Putney

Sir, The talk of principles in connection with the Falklands dispute, whether in Parliament or dispute, whether in Paruament or in your columns, is singularly unconvincing. The country of Suez, Cyprus, Diego Garcia and the British Nationality Act cannot effectively disguise its current bout of post-imperial jingoism as a world crusade against aggression. Only yesterday we were pocketing the dictator's pesos in exchange for the military means of his attack, and even now our bankers are once again taking the view that it may be unpatrious but it makes sense not to be too financially tough on

the aggressor.

I am no more a supporter of President Reagan than of Mrs Thatcher, but Lord Bethell's argument (April 16) that by working to secure a peaceful solution of the Falklands trisis the United States is compromis-ing Nato's doubtful devotion to democracy is outrageous. To say the least of it, it is a very ungracious response to Mr Haig's untiring efforts to get us out of this mess.

If we are so concerned to teach

aggressors a lesson why did we find the Turkish invusion of Cyprus, where we had forces on the spot, so acceptable that Turkey is still in democratic Nato? Is their junta so much better than the Argentinian one?
Of course, any American
Government, North or South, is an American Government and must regard our retention of the Falklands as a colonial hangover which we should have shed long ago. It is no use prating about the paramountcy of the islanders because the Americans know we can be bribed. For some nuclear weaponry for Polaris on the cheap, we not merely abandoned more of the Queen's subjects than live on the Falklands to than live on the Falklands to their fate; we threw them off Diego Garcia into abject poverty in Mauritius and handed over their depopulated island to the U.S. Forces. The Americans and others also know that only a few others also know that only a few weeks ago this principled Govern-ment denied the Falklanders the fully British status they reluc-tantly had to concede to the Gibraltarians.

It is time we came off it and adjusted ourselves to our real status in the world, which is that of the most artistic nation on

Yours faithfully, HUGH JENKINS, House of Lords. April 17.

From Mr Derrick Wyatt

Sir, If the United Kingdom and Argentina are in dispute about the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, which is a legal dispute if ever there was one, the Inter-national Court of Justice would appear to provide a more appro-priate means of settlement than indirect negotiation.

Let the Argentinian troops withdraw, and the fleet stay its hand, pending the decision of the April 19.

From the Chairman of the

Sir, For any Christian country to

go to war is an affront to its professed faith. For two Chris-

tian nations to go to war against each other is a blatant denial of that faith.

Christians and war

Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

solution concerning one of the nations involved in the present conflict. At the beginning of this century, when Chile and Argentina were about to go to war against each other, they desisted in the name of Christ. Instead, out of old Argentinian cannon, they erected on the border between the two countries a great bronze statue of Christ. The inscription read, and still reads: These mountains will fall before Argentinians and Chileans break

slaughtering one another with expensive and deadly modern weapons build, say, an abbey on the Falkland Islands as a shrine

Following the example set in these islands of the abbey at

lona, might not such a shrine become the base for a joint

Christian mission of peace to the whole world to lead mankind back from the brink of nuclear disaster?

The bishops of our own netional Church, meeting in their Lambeth conferences, have five times declared that "war as a method of settling international disputes is incompatible with the conference of the confere the peace sworn at the feet of Christ the Redeemer". Acting on such a wonderful precedent, could not the two teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ." Christian nations involved in the present dispute make peace with one another in the name of Christ, and out of the money they At the latest Lambeth Conference in 1978 they went even further and declared that Jesus would otherwise have spent in

"made evident that self-giving love, the way of the Cross, is the way to reconciliation in all relationships and conflicts. Therefore the use of violence is ultimately contradictory to the Would the bishops now be

Would the bishops now be willing to tell the nation that this truth does not apply to the particular conflict in which our nation is now engaged, and that therefore the Gospel should be suspended for the period of the emergency? Or would they be prepared to say that in the name of Christ a Christian solution must be found?

After all, there is a clear

After all, there is a clear precedent for exactly such a

Lost for words

From Mrs Susan M. Lloyd

Sir, As editor of the new edition of Roget's Thesaurus, I am disturbed at the misunderstanding which has arisen over so-called "sexist" terms.

There is, of course, no ques-

tion of removing such well established words as "mankind" and "countryman" from the Thesaurus. What I have tried to

do is make the key words throughout more up to date — "essay" becomes "attempt", for instance — and more general so

that they reflect correctly the range of words in each para-

graph. So, the group of words for country people is now headed "country-dweller" rather than "countryman", but it includes "countryman" and "country-

woman" (In their other senses, of

14 Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe, Cheshire. fears that this edition of Roget's Thesaurus does not maintain the established high standard of its predecessors. On the contrary, it ensures that the Thesaurus is still an up-to-date reflection of the language in use today.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN M. LLOYD, 41 The Thoroughfare, Harleston, April 16. -

Yours faithfully,

GORDON WILSON,

St John's Vicarage,

From Mr A. C. Norfolk' Sir, I was pleased to see Mr Osmond's admirable letter (April about the alleged sexist bias of the previous editions of Roger's Thesaurus. Having worn out three editions over the past 50 years, I was intending to buy Mrs Lloyd's latest revision of this classic, but have decided instead to renovate/restore/repair/mend

my present tattered copy.

Could I suggest that when the next edition is produced and, as I hope, the book reverts to its real function as a reflection of contemporary usage and does not presume to be an arbiter of taste, there is an additional entry in the section on ridicule; "Raise a laugh, make a fool of oneself, be ridiculous, do a Lloyd"? Yours faithfully,

A. C. NORFOLK, Grove End. Mount Street, Norfolk.

### Trust to safeguard court (this would certainly pro-vide ample time for tempers to countryside

From the Chairman of the Exmoor Society

Sir, The energetic action and heavy expenditure on the inner cities described by Michael Heseltipe in his article (April 14) contrasts with the failure of contrasts with the failure of efforts to protect the country-side. The sterile controversy between farming bodies (letter, April 5) and conservationists shows that neither side has taken account of current financial and political realities.

A new approach to conservation is needed so that essential landscape is protected at minimum cost to public funds. Exmoor provides a good example of the general problem and also an indication of how it may be

A large area of moorland is to be sold in the near future and there is grave concern that it will be developed for more intensive farming. Much of the land is within the region which Lord Porchester recommended should be retained as open moorland for

all time. We are anxious to avoid a long drawn-out argument over a period of years about management agreements and compensation for restrictions on developland should be bought outright and let to farmers subject to convenants that will ensure the continuance of the traditional

The land could be bought by the National Park Authority, but there will be strong local oppo-sition if money obtained by cutting essential services is used for public purchase. The National Trust already own a substantial estate on Exmoor, but they do not have sufficient funds to buy more and are unable to launch a public appeal as they are already raising large sums for other projects.

As an alternative the methods used in the inner cities to combine the efforts of public and private enterprise could be applied in the countryside. A special trust could be set up representing the conservation bodies, the Countryside Com-mission and Nature Conservancy Council, the National Heritage Fund and the National Park Authority. Such a consortium could be used to protect the moorland just as the Groundwork Trust has been established to deal with urban wastelands as a joint enterprise representing the pub-lic, private and voluntary sectors.

In addition, such a trust could well point the way towards a system of protecting the most important rural areas in other parts of the country by making available adequate funds which are so conspicuously lacking at

Yours faithfully, GUY SOMERSET, Chairman, The Exmoor Society, Hoar Oak House, Alcombe, Minehead,

April 16.

### Church unity

From the Reverend Anthony Thursfield Sir, Your assertion in the leader

'A fellow-Christian" (April 10) about "the predominantly Irish character of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain" should be rigorously challenged. As one who has spent over 30 years in parishes in several

English counties (I have served in five, well spread over central and southern England) I well know that there are substantial Roman Catholic communities of auth-entically English lineage, in all sections of society, not least among the professional classes and the Armed Forces. The number of RCs in the world of iterature and the arts is, as is well known, very high.
Some writers in your columns.

from exalted places, seem to infer that the Anglican Church has, and always has had, a sort of monopoly of fair play and tolerance, which is under threat from the moves towards Anglican-Roman accord. This I fear is not so. I find that parishioners are surprised when I tell them of the near-300 years of civic disabilities which the English state and Church imposed upon RCs until the Catholic Emanci-RCs until the Catholic Emanci-pation Act of 1829, for only then were they legally allowed to take sevice under the Crown, in municipal office or in Parliament.

Catholic apologists would be entitled to point this out. Perhaps they are too "English" and reticent to do so. Are we in the Church of England too uncharitable to admit it? Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY THURSFIELD, Reydon Vicarage, Southwold, Suffolk. April 10.

### Chronic disorders

From Mr H. C. Seigal Sir, Mrs Barbara Stalbow complains (April 15) about the pertinacity of sticky labels. Another of the irritations of modern living, and a more serious one, is the impenetrability of plastic wrappers.

Have you, Sir, ever experienced the frustration of trying to puncture the deceptively flimsy covering of a box of chocolates with no other instrument at hand than a blunt fingernail? Have you ever tackled the more serious problem of getting at a slice of supermarket cheese inside its transparent corset? Yours faithfully, H. C. SEIGAL, 17 Park Place Villas, W2.

April 16.

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Mr Haig's return to Washington indicated that he felt he had extracted all possible concessions from President Galtieri's Junta.: It was right that he did not fly back to London with the Argentine proposals. That would seem to have implied that there was something which he felt he could endorse to the British Government and such an implication would have put undeserved pressure on British ministers to appear cooperative. Mr Haig has not endorsed the Argentine proposals; and Mr Pym's forthcoming visit to Washington is rightly conceived as a British desire to continue negotiating while the fleet, which may have to

power, the sillier the promises it will make in order to win it. As the local elections

approach, the Labour Party is

again flirting with the temp-

tation to make exactly the same mistake if it gains

national power as it made last

time it did so, in 1974. The

National Executive has not

yet given its blessing to the

proposal, publicly launched this week, for a year's freeze

on council rents, but the pressures within the party to

In normal circumstances

Labour would now be looking

forward to dramatic gains in

local elections fought against

an unpopular government, for

seats last contested at a

moment when Labour itself.

was at a low point of popularity. But the decline in trust

for Labour, and the rise of

the Alliance, may have chan-

ged all that. Gains may well be modest. An eye-catching face.

selling-point is needed, and a

rents freeze may win some

But some leaders in the

party remember what hap-pened after 1974. Whether

they prevail or not will

When Labour came to power,

from recent rent rises.

do so are strong.

Legally speaking the in-vasion was also in breach of

THE TEMPTATION OF CHEAP PROMISES The further away a party as a result of the Govern- should not be charity housing feels itself to be from political ment's other mismanage for the poor. A quarter of ment's other mismanage for the poor. A quarter of tenant households today have politically impossible to make an income of £8,000 or more. Subsidy aimed effectively at those who need it is the way to ensure that the sector does not sink further towards

charitable status.

Responsible Labour leaders know that. All the time the party was courting popularity in the seventies by shirking necessary increases, its offi-cial policy was that "over a period of years rents should keep broadly in line with changes in money incomes". The consequences of failure to live up to that principle were soon apparent. As real rents fell, central subsidy to housing had to rise — by almost a fifth in real terms. The more subsidy the revenue account swallowed up, the less was available for capital spending.

housing costs than families in other tenures have had to As early as 1975 housing starts began to fall; by 1979 But it is striking that there the headlong decline was in full spate. Wider public spending cuts continued until has been no strong movement votes from tenants smarting of protest against the increases, even in London, where Mr Peter Tatchell has been last year in spite of rising rents, but at the end of last busily promoting the idea of a rent strike. Undoubtedly this year starts were 16 per cent up on a year earlier. Mr Peter is because of the energetic Shore means, if he becomes provide a clue to the current steps taken to improve pro-Chancellor, to revive the economy with public works, especially in housing if he balance of power inside the vision for tenants who find it party between Her Majesty's hard to pay. A quarter of all alternative Government and tenants will have had this does not head off the people the vendors of undated prom- month's increase wholly met-ises and haywire theories, by supplementary benefit; in his party who can see no further than May, he will find, if he gets his chance, by supplementary benefit; another quarter qualify for average council rents were 7.9 rebates meeting 60 per cent of that the resources he needs per cent of average earnings. it. Maximum rebates have for his investment will stream The year's freeze ended at been trebled, and eligibility away into subsidies for the about the same time as widened. That is the right inflation began to gather pace approach. Council housing tenants who do not need them. .

devices become universal among audiences? The accuracy of their timekeeping might result in two thousand of them sounding simultaneously. At a conference on micro-chip technology this might not be inappropriate but in the theatre it could only lend weight to Othello's cry, "Silence that dreadful bell". Yours faithfully, SYDNEY A. URRY, 12 Whitfield Road,

April 15.

modern English to make women more explicit in the language, rather than assume that they are included in such terms as "countrymen" or "man in the I have therefore taken care to insert female or neutral equivalents where these exist: "master or mistress of the situation", "man or woman in the street", "spokesperson" and so

I hope this letter will allay any April 16.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, visited Owen Luder Partnership/Young & Hall at 96 St George's Square, London SW1 Lieutenant-Colonel

Bland was in attendance.
The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened The Aleck Bourne Maternity Wards and The Winnicott Baby Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London. The Hon Mrs Munro was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

ss Margaret.

Glasgow and

w Holiday Inn.

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Highness, who a aircraft of The was attended by ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 20: The Duchess of Kent, as
President of the Royal Northern
College of Music, was present
this evening at the BBC Television Young Musician of the
Year Brass Final, which was held
at the College in Manchester.
Her Royal Highness, who
travelled in an aircraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
Mrs Alan Henderson. ter as Deputy Colonel-the Royal Anglian today received to the control of the

penant-Colonel W. H. bert on assuming the Volument The Queen celebrates her birth-day today.

### **Forthcoming** marriages 'Ar N. II. S. Armour and Miss G. E. Fortescue

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of the lata Brigadier W. S. G. Armour and of Mrs Armour, of Brandsby, York, and Georgina, counger daughter of the Hon Hartin and Mrs Fortescue, of Wincombe Park, Shaftesbury.

and Miss E. A. Parker The engagement is announced the engagement is announced between Stephen Francis, voun-gest son of Dr and Mrs S. C. Gold, of London and Saffron Welden, and Elizabeth Ann, voungest daughter of the Hon Sir Roger and Lady Parker, of Widford Hostfordshire

### Widford, Hertfordshire. Mr P. M. M. Bevan and Miss P. A. Kilbourn

The engagement is announced between Poter, son of Mr and Mrs. J. L. M. Bovan, of Croffta, Groes Faen, Glamorgan, and Groes Faen, Glamorgan, and Penelope Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. R. Kilbourn, of Meadow House, Peasenhall, and Mrs P. M. Percival

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Bristol tomorrow between Edward, elder son of Mr E. M. Courage and the late Mrs M. Courage, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Shevill.

between Genifrey, eldest son of the and Mr. Doue Francis, of Huberth Piterims Way, Guildford, to Coutrice, younger daughter of Mejor-General and Mrs. Robert Tabary, of Brussels, Belgium.

### Mr ∩. P. Gilmore and Miss S. M. Schutte

the engagement is announced i wween Owen Desmand Gilmore, of Mid. by. Norfolk, and Suzanne Margaret Schutte, of Wincanton,

the commemoration service will no held in chapel at 11 am on Sunday, June 20. Half-term will be May 23-June 1 inclusive, and term will end on Friday, July 9.

### Eton College

Farrer Theatre on May 31, June 1, 2 and 3. The Corps Tattoo will he on the evening of June 4 and the Fourth of June will be celebrated on Saturday, June 5, which is also the beginning of Long Leave which ends on June 9. The Winchester match will he played on Agar's Plough on June 18 and 19 and the Harrow match at Lord's on Saturday, July 3. School closes on July 9.

Carliste Cathedral from becoming a "sodden mass". Urgent repairs are needed to the roof of the twelfth century building and to the east window, which has been fescribed as the best example of the tweeter milling three millings are saying fall done. Measurements have shown that

man of the Historic Building Council for England, yesterday launched a £500,000 campaign on Tyneside to help to save Alderman Fenwick's house in Newcastle circ centre. a mer-



The Duchess of Gloucester meeting Mrs Adela Steventon and her son Daniel, born hours earlier, when she opened the Elm Aleck Bourne maternity unit at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, yesterday.

### Luncheons Lady Mayoress of Westminster

Receptions

Prime Minister

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a uncheon yesterday at Westminster City Hall. The

Mr R. S. Graham and Miss C.A. Steel

between Rory, younger son of Major and Mrs J. Graham, of Braids, Windlesham, Surrey, and Camilla, daughter of Colonel and Mrs A. G. Steel, of Kila Cottage, Hungerford, Berkshire.

The engagement is announced between Peter Kenneth, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K. M. Hall, of Effingham, Surrey, and Marjorie Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs J. G. Ferguson, of The Elms, Longforgan, Dundee.

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place, between Stephen, son of the late Miles Hornby and Mrs Hornby, of Jordans, Bucking, hamshire, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pridmore, of Romford, Essex.

### M J. Maurer and Miss J. B. Corke

The engagement is announced between Jean, son of M and Mm The engagement is anninounced Maurer, of Souffelweyersheim

Mr P. R. P. Champness and Miss A. R. Brereton Smith

Summer Term began on Monday.

S. Edwards is captain of cricket and P. J. Hulston is secretary. The Alleyn Chib will hold a reception in the Dulwich Picture Gallery on May 7. The confirmation service will be conducted to the Right Rev Michael Jarshall, Bishop of Woolwich, in hapel at 2.15 pm on May 11. Shoup Captain P. L. Gray (OA) will inspect the Combined Cadet barce on June 8. The school concert will be held at the Festival Hall at 7.30 pm on June 12. Founder's day is June 19 and la. Founder's day is June 19 and

Eton College opens today for the Summer half. There are 1,238 hoys in the school. K. K. Nath, RS, continues as captain of the school and S. C. P. Mallaby, OS, as captain of the Oppidans. Four performances of Keen, by Jean-Paul Sartre, will be given in the Farrer Theatre on May 31, June 1, 2 and 3. The Corps Tatton will

### Grenville College

Summer Term begins today and continues until July 7. A. P. Gunningham is head prefect. The Commemoration of Benefactors will be held on Friday, May 28, when the Vice-Provost of the Western Division Woodard Schools and Admiral Sir David when the Vice-Provost of the Western Division Woodard Schools and Admiral Sir David Williams will be the principal speakers. The building of a new hall and chapel began on January 25 and will be completed by the beginning of the Autumn Term. July 8.

# Mr T. Gardom and Miss A. Grey

The engagement is announced hetween Timothy, eldest son of the Rev Francis and Mrs Gardom, of Greenwich, London, and Alison, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Spenser Grey, of Southampton.

The engagement is announced

### Mr P. K. Hall and Miss M. E. Ferguson

United Newspapers pic The Chairman and directors of United Newspapers gave a luncheon yesterday at the Savoy Hotel for business associates and friends. Mr David R. Stevens

Strasbourg, and Juliet, daughter of Mr. Martin Corke, of Great Wheinetham, Bury St Edmunds, and of the late Mrs Jean Corke.

### Marriage

The marriage took place in London on April 16 between Mr Peter Champness and Miss Anne

The Leys Summer Term at The Leys begins today. J. P. Mitchell continues as senior prefect and G. C. Mackintosh is captain of cricket. Half-term is from May 28-June 1 and term ends with Speech Day on Saturday, July 10, when Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, will be the principal guest. be the principal guest.

### School, Northwood

### School, Harrogate

June 1. The Visitor for speech Day on July 3 will be the Provost of the Northern Division of the Woodard Corporation, the Rev P. N. Pare, and Term will end on

# Carlisle Cathedral appeal

its type in Europe.

The appeal has been promised \$129,000 from individuals and

industry in the north of England. Norman Phillips, the cathedral architect, said the last oig appeal in the 1950s was to prevent the cathedral from becoming a crumbling ruin.

Guncil for England, yesterday

'This appeal is to prevent it becoming a sudden mass through leaking roofs and crumbling stonework", he said. Mr Phillips added that at least 160,000 was needed to pay for the removal of medieval class from the east window before next winter. "The medieval class from the east window before next winter. "The mindow contains some of the finest artistry in Britain and it is recognized as a valuable piece of art history."

correspondent writes). The Tyne and Wear Preservation Trust, which is organizing the appeal, is also renovating some estate cottages at Backworth, near Newcastle.

# Merchant Taylors'

Summer Term begins on Thurs day, April 22. The head monitor is P. H. Forster. The triennial service of commemoration will be held in St Paul's Cathedral at 2.15 pm on Friday, May 28 when the consider themselves as edupm on Friday, May 28 when the preacher will be the Right Rev Francis Cocks. Speech day is on Thursday, June 10 and OMT Day on Saturday, June 19.

# **Oueen Ethelburga's**

Summer Term at Queen Ethelburga's School opens today. The return visit of French pupils from College P. Labitrie, Tourne-feuille, is from April 25 to May 10. OE Day is Saturday, May 15, and Half-term from May 23 to June 1. The Visitor for Speech Day on July 3 will be the Propost 

# College

From Our Correspondent
Carlisle
A film appeal was officially launched yesterday to save made into the safety of the Carlisle Catholic mass." Hence reserve the choir

in a high wind the wall moves three millimetres. "While I am not saying the wall is about to fall down, the movement is significant enough to warrant an investigation with the possibility of rebuilding the foundations in future.'

Newcastle city centre, a mer-chant's house built in about 1700 (our Newcastle upon Tyne correspondent writes).

### **Dinners**

Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner in
Speaker's House vesterday evening in honour of Herr Leopold
Wagner, Provincial Governor of
Carinthia. The Austrian Ambassador was present. Other
guests were Mr Bernard Weatherill, MP, Mr Ronald Lewis, MP,
Dr Maurice Miller, MP, Mr
Alexander Pollock, MP, Canon
Trevor Beeson, Miss H Orkin and
Mr W A Beaumont. 

Pricand Miss Diana Towell.

Institute of Energy
The annual luncheon of the Institute of Energy was held at the Inn on the Park Hotel yesterday. The president of the institute, Sir John Hill, was in the chair and the principal guest and speaker was Sir Kenneth Corfield, Chairman of the Engineering Council, and Chairman and Chief Executive of Standard Telephones and Cables. Royal Society of Medicine
Sir John Stallworthy, president
of the Royal Society of Medicine,
presided at a dinner for members
of council held last night at 1
Wimpole .Street. The guest
speaker was Miss Katharine
Whitehorn and other guests
included Lord Porritt, Lord and
Lady Richardson Surgeon Visc Lady Richardson, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenbolme and Dr Norah Schuster.

### Meetings Allied-Lyons

welcomed the guests and Mr william Whitelaw, Secretary of State for the Home Department, replied. A seminar was held yesterday, at Glaziers' Hall, in aid of "What the disabled can do for the employers" chaired by Mr John Clemes, of Allied-Lyons. Among The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street for entrepreneurs and small busithosa present were:

Sir Kenneih Cork, Mr Robin Dunham, Mr Alan Hardcasile, Mr Hugh Rossi Minister of State for Health and Social Security, Baroness Lane-Fox, Mra Ruih Romer-Ormision, Mr David Richards, Mr Kenneth Sharp and Mr George Tailersail. H M Government Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamen-

### Association of Lancastrians in At the annual general meeting of

Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Bernard Fenner were hosts at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of delegates attending the twelfth session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils. At the annual general meeting of the Association of Lancastrians in London held last night at Simpson's in-the-Strand Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston was elected president for the ensuing year and Mr Edmund Kershaw chairman

value represented by the arts.
The benefits derived from tourism were enormous in relation to the level of public

"There can be little doubt that

the arts are a major factor in determining tourists' choice of holidays here. Even if this were the only benefit of the arts, they would still be offering good value to the country," he said.

The total public expenditure on

the arts is running at about the arts is running at about £500m, which compares with the tourist industry's income of about £8,000m a year.

"Given the level of income from tourism, public expenditure in support of the arts is a major bargain in terms of the return received," he said.

Mr Channon called for more business involvement in mu-seums and galleries. Welcoming

the increasing level of business sponsorship in the arts, he said the attractions of the performing

arts had been quickly grasped, but there was considerable room

for expansion in sponsorship for museums and galleries. "An association with a museum, gallery or heritage building is an association with quality and with lasting value," he said.

Blackie, Dr Margery Grace, of Castle Hedingham, Essex, physi-cian to the Queen since 1969

Whitaker, Mr Edgar Haddon, of

Whitaker, Mr Edgar Haddon, of Roehampton, London, managing director and chairman of J Whitaker & Sons, publishers of Whitaker's Almanack. .... E298,074 Wood, Mrs Christina Henrietta, of Brampton, Cumbria ... £225,706

£181.672

support for the arts.

Museums 'should be

English Tourist Board, said in

-ondon vesterday.

London yesterday.

Speaking at a conference on tourism and museums, he argued that museums must learn to change as surely as the history they recorded.

"Government at both local and actional level has recognized the

actional level has recognized the actievement and value of museums. However, gone are the days when the only movement in

a gallery was the ticking of the clock. Today's visitor expects to be excited, entertained and above all involved." he said.

England. "While many museums consider themselves as educational institutions many are presenting themselves in a more entertaining way, with many abandoning the word 'museum' altogether. This is what the tourist expects on holiday. He wishes to be entertained and not educated, Mr Borley said.

He added that research had

educated, Mr Borley Said.

He added that research had show that the majority of the public was quite willing to pay an admission charge to museums and art galleries provided they felt they were getting value for money.

Latest estates include (net,

Marines honoured: Britain's historical links with

the sea are commemorated in these stamps, four of

a set of five to go on sale at post offices on June 16.

They have been designed by Marjorie Saynor and adopt the theme of the English Tourist Board's

National Maritime year. The stamps above show

famous mariume year. The stamps above show famous mariners with the vessels they were associated with: Henry VIII with the Mary Rose; Lord Nelson with the Victory; Lord Fisher with HMS Dreadnought and Viscount Cunningham with

HMS Warspite.

Latest wills

places of entertainment'

and these are the grandest names in rich, avant-garde-furniture of the day. The price is far shead of anything so far secured at auction for Dunand's work.

per cent of the total was left unsold.

# Latest appointments

The Editor of The Times has made the following appointments:

Mr John Higgins, arts editor, to be executive editor, arts and features; Mr Peter Stothard, deputy features editor to be features editor in succession to Mr Anthony Holden, who has resigned.

followed by luncheon. Among the guests were:
The Belgian Ambaysador and Mme Vaes, Law Guller-Eider. Professor Randolph London University, Diessor Dr Jules Francois, Chent University (recipient in the Duke-Eider International Medal): Professor Dr Bernard Strett (reasurer, International Challenger of Ophthalmology and Mr Barrie Jay. Doan, Institute of Ophthalmology and Mr Barrie Jay. Doan, Institute of

Correction

Lord Beeching, 69; Sir Aubrey Burke, 78; Mr Thomas Burns, 76; Sir George Burton, 66; the Earl of Derby, 64; Mr L. E. Ellis, 50; Professor Lawrence Gowing, 64; Air Marshal Sir John Hunter-Tod, 65; Mr John McCabe, 43; Mr G. W. Odey, 82; Mr Norman Parkinson, 69; Sir Geoffrey Ramsden, 89; Mr James Wentworth-Day, 83.

### Art Deco bureau sold for record £150,679

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The afficionados of Art Deco are still around, despite recent depressing sale results, as long as enticing rarities are on offer. An outstanding German creation with important provenance falls squarely in this bracket and secured an auction record for twentieth-century furniture when offered in Monte Carlo on Monday

It is a bureau in the Secession style inlaid with various woods, tortoiseshell and ivory, designed by Koloman Moser for the Charlottenlund Palace, near stockholm A private collection. Stockholm. A private collec-tor paid 1,166,500 francs at Sotheby's sale or £150,679. It was exhibited in the 1903 in 1491. Secession Exhibition in Vienna before being sent to Sweden.

The other sensational price in Sotheby's sale was 990,000 francs or £99,448 for a matching dressing table and chair designed by Emile-Jacques Ruhlmann and lacquered (black powdered with gold) by Jean Dunand. The furniture dates from 1927

Even with such results, Sotheby's sale was not con-sistently buoyant. Some 18

# London on April 16 between Mr Peter Champness and Miss Anne Brereton Smith. District College The school records its gratitude for the lives of Bishop Wilfred Sedwards is captain of cricket and P. J. Hulston is secretary. The Alleyn Chi will be described by the Arts. Who opened the English Tourist Board, said in The benefits degree for the lives of Bishop Wilfred Wastall and of Mrs Dorothy and P. J. Hulston is secretary. The Love Indicates appointments include: Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, who opened the conference, emphasized the good walus represented by the arts. Mr Roger Waterbouse to be dean of the English Tourist Board, said in The benefits degree for the Indicate Appointments include: Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, who opened the conference, emphasized the good walus represented by the arts. The Alleyn Chi will be a secretary. The Love

### **London University**

The first oration ceremony for the Duke-Elder International Medal was held at Senate House on Tuesday, April 20, 1982, followed by luncheon. Among

The working party which produced the report on euthanasia, described on April 15, had 16 members, not seven.

Mr John C. Mortimer, OC. the playwright and author, who is 59

valuable Hebrew books from the Valmadonna Trust had attracted the most scholarly representatives of inter-national Jewry. The books on offer were duplicates from a rich library which has been substantially extended in recent years, but sold against tough reserves which left 19 per cent without buyers. The Museum of Jewish Art in Jerusalem was the substantial of the substant Jerusalem was the most substantial purchaser with a dozen major lots to its name. They paid the top price at £8,250 (estimate £3,500-£8,250 (estimate £3,500-£5,000) for Kimchi's Sefer Ha'shoroshim, a biblical lexi-

At Christie's South Kensington souvenirs of show business were securing high bids. A dress of crimson velvet and cream satin worm by Marlene Dietrich in Knight Without Armour sold for £500 to the Foots Barn Theatre, St Germans, Corn-wall, which bought extensively.

con and grammar published

An autographed letter from Rudolph Valentino to Miss M. C. Elliot, founder of the Rudolph Valentino Association, expressing his enor-mous appreciation of her admiration, sold for £320 (estimate £80-£120) to a close friend of Miss Elliot's. The black mask, worn by Valentino in The Eagle sold for £450 (estimate £200-£300.

### Birthdays today



# birds in bomb zone

Fears over

The peace and quiet of Cape Wrath will be shattered this week when newly converted RAF Vulcan bombers start target practice on the tiny island of Garve, less than half a mile from one of the biggest seabird colonies in Britain (Jonathan Wills writes).

The delta-winged bombers are using live 1,000lb bombs and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is worried about disturbance to nesting puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes.

An RSPB spokesman said vesterday that the Ministry of Defence usually tried to avoid bombing on the Cape Wrath range during the 1943, transferring to the nesting season, but ideally Royal Artillery in 1943. He the society would like to see a moratorium on exercises with live ammunition between mid-April and early

Garve Island is so battered by past bombardments that only great black-backed gulls now frequent it. They usually fly off when exercises begin with dummy ammunition. However, the shock waves from 1,000lb bombs will disturb nesting seabirds on cliffs up to two miles away, the RSPB says.
Lambing is about to begin

at this north-western tip of Scotland but the ewes have been taken to lower ground at the Kyle of Durness, out of harm's way. The Ministry of Defence

vesterday described the exer-rise at Cape Wrath as "critical" in view of the Falklands crisis.

# project wins award

By Tony Samstag The Oxford Archaeological
Unit won the main British
Archaeological Award yesterday
for a project by a professional
team or unit for its work on its
The Iron Age and Romano-British
rural settlements in the Upper
Thames Valley. The unit is
involved in more than 60 projects
each year, selecting likely
waterlogged sites from aerial

involved in more than 60 projects each year, selecting likely waterlogged sites from aerial photographs and specializing in environmental remains such as plants and bettles.

The awards, were presented by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, at the British Museum. Recipitents included the Colchester Archaeological Trust, for its discovery of the remains of a Roman fortress, Warout School, Glenrothes, Fife, for its field survey of a medieval Warout School, Gleurothes, Fife, for its field survey of a medieval settlement in the Lomond Hills: Mr Michael Luke, a student aged 16, for his study of a site at Alfodean, Sussex; Occidental of Britain, for its sponsorship of the Orkney survey, and the Wealden Iron Research Group for its work on the local charcoal Iron industry.

work on the local charcoal iron industry.
Four certificates of merit were also awarded in the professional class: to members of the Camerbury Archaeological Trust, to the Colchester Archaeological Trust, the Kent Archaeological Ressue Unit, and West Yorkshire County Council.

### 40 bridge pairs qualify for the final

By a Bridge Correspondent
The area finals of the English
Bridge Union's national pairs
championship took place on
Sunday at five centres. Forty
pairs have qualified for the
national final on May 8 and 9 at Derby. The leading pairs at each Centre were:
Northerd pairs at Harrogate:
1 J. M. Kimpton, A. Martindale
1 Vorbellinki (Morth-west) 2,932; 3, 8 K
Knapp, P. Caro (Vorteshire) 2,789.

Knapp, PCAre (Yorkshire) 2,789, South of England pairs at Maidenhead: 1, Mr and Mrs P. N. Lee (Middledex) 5,592; 2, J. Barr. T. Rees (Surrey) 3,544; 3, D Strellos, R Sissons (Kent) Eastera pairs at Peterborough: I. R. J. Gibbons, B. J. Callagh (Hertfordshire) 2,847; 2, J. Cullab (Hertfordshire), J. Rosse (Middlesse 1,784; 5, P. Franklin, S. Green (Esse 2,736.

2.736.
South-west pairs at Bristol:
1. D C Smilb. J L Pepin (souther counters) 2.126: 2. J Salisbury. R J Upton (Wales) 2.100: 3. A Bridgeman. E k Evers (Devon and Cornwall) 2.088. 2,089.
Midland pairs at Birmingham;
1. K. E. Stanley (Warwickshire).
Stoolak (Nottinghamshire) 1,421;
J. A. Daughton (Staffordshire).
Mortey (North-west) 1,558; 5, 8;
Fishburne, M. Amos (Warwickshill,281.

# Moreover . . . Miles Kington

British Television Co making a documentary film new Orient Express starting end May, would like to hear from anyone connected with, worked or travelled on an old train, preferably between wars. Box 15463, Herald Tribune, 92521 Neuilly Cedex, France.

International Herald Tribune April 17 Dear British Television Co. My name is Albert Parker and I worked on the Orient

Express between the wars for 15 years, I suppose I am the sort of chap you are after. I was only a coach attendant, not a driver or anything, but then if you got hold of a driver he wouldn't be able to tell you much about the passengers, would he? One driver I knew called Otto, from Switzerland he was from Switzerland he was, used to say to me: "Being an engine driver is like being God; you have many people's lives in your hands so it is best not to know anything about them." I often won-dered what he meant by that.

and swimming pool. Which shows that they know nothing about the gentry of those days. What would they want with a swimming pool? They got their sarvants to do their got their servants to do their there fiddling with his rough near Trieste. swimming for them. I believe swizzle stick. Usually I'd just Yours, etc

there was an experimental say: Yes, your Royal Highswimming pool-car tried out in the early 1930s, but nobody used it. Otto told me that he once took a curve too fast near Florence and lost all the water, together with the pool attendant.

We had the casino, cinema, cocktail bar, etc, of course. I remember seeing Graham Greene quite often in the cinema and the bar. He was having religious doubts at the time and me being a lapsed Catholic I was able to put him straight on a few points. But as soon as he got rid of one doubt, he thought of was only a coach attendant, another, and eventually I just said to him: You ought to get rid of it all in a novel, Graham Greene. Agatha Christie

another person who used to ride the train a lot, though she usually sat by herself writing. She talked to me quite often, because she People often have funny say; could sound bad if

people on the train. I could willingly strangle them, were her words. You shouldn't say reopte often have funny say; could sound bad it ideas about the Orient Express. They imagine that it had on board a casino, palm

The Duke of Windsor was grateful if you could put him grateful if you could put him grateful if you could put him.

ness; but once I was so bold as to say that there was a nice American lady in com partment E4 who felt exactly the same. Well, I introduced them and the rest is history. I even got an invitation to the wedding but couldn't go, on account of I was stuck in

met was B. Traven, the writer. That wasn't his real name, of course. I've got his real name in a letter he once wrote home. I could dig it out if you're interested.

Well, I could go on all day if this is the sort of thing

you're after. I must say, it's nice to know that people are still interested in the old them.

you all right at Neuilly

Orient Express; most people these days seem to think it's a kind of credit card. Next time somebody says to me: Orient Express? That will do nicely, sir, I swear I'll brain I hope this letter gets to

Cedex, which sounds a funny kind of place to me, not the another whom we saw quite often. You've no idea how lonely it is at the top, Parker, he would say to me after the third cocktail, and my heart third t

### 1904 and commissioned in the South Wales Borderers in 1927. From 1935 to 1939 he served in India where he was gold bar. mentioned in despatches during his service on the march 15. North West Frontier. During the Second World War he was GSO 1 (Radar) at the War Office from 1942 to 8.7 where it was Chief Instructor (Radar) at the School of Anti-Aircraft Nat W Artillery from 1946 to 1947 and from 1947 to 1950 he commanded the 54th AA Regiment, Royal Artillery, in

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Regiment, Royal Artillery, in Gibraltar.

He was chief instructor at the School of AA Artillery from 1950 to 1953 and Commanded the 77th AA Brigade, RA, from 1953 to 1955. After his retirement he was chairman of the Brecknock and Radnor TA & VR Association and a vice. Association and a vice-chairman of the Welsh Border TA & VR Association. He was a Deputy Lieutenant for Breconshire from 1958.

**OBITUARY** 

**BRIGADIER** 

FREDERICK BASTON

Service with

the Royal

Artillery

Brigadier Frederick Baston, DL, died on April 17

He was born on May 25,

at the age of 77,

He married, in 1934.
Evelyn Mary, daughter of Alfred William Lewis. There were a son and a daughter of the marriage. His wife died in 1955.

### MR WILLIAM HUNTLEY Mr William Huntley, who

was well known as one of the most senior barristers on the Western circuit, has died at the age of 89.

William Mack Huntley was born in 1893 and educated at King Edward VI School, Bath. He had served for many years on the City of Bath council as councillor and alderman before being

called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1947. Thereafter he practised on the Western circuit, based at Bristol and was, from 1953 to 1970, Recorder of Wells.

Hundley was twice married, firstly, in 1931, to Muriel, daughter of W. F. Akehurst by whom he had one son and one daughter. She died in 1945 he married, secondly Dorothy Mary, daughter of E. R. Goldsworthy.

### SIR ERIC **MILLBOURN**

Sir Eric Millbourn, CMG, who was Adviser on Shipping in Port to the Minister of Transport from 1946 to 1963 and subsequently chairman of the Council of Administ-ration, Malta Dockyard, died on April 17 at the age of 77. An engineer by profession, Millbourn had also been chairman of the London Airport Development Committee and was, from 1964 to 1967 deputy chairman of the National Ports Council He was appointed CMG in 1950 and knighted in 1955. Millbourn married in 1931, Ethel Marjorie, daughter of Joseph E. Sennett. They had

### one son and one daughter. . LORD STRANGE Lord Strange, 15th Baron, died on April 13th. He was

Born on May 6 1900, the son of Captain Malcolm Drummond of Megginch, John Drummond, was educated at Eton. He succeeded to the title of Baron Mcg-ginch on the termination of a

seven year abeyance of the barony in 1965. Under the name John Drummond, he wrote a number of books ranging number of books ranging from accounts of farming on his estate, to fiction. These included: The Bride Wore Black (1942); The Pocket Show Book (1943); Inherituace of Dreams (1945), an account of the farming of his Megginch estate on the Carse Megginch estate on the Carse of Gowrie; The Naughty Mrs Thornton (1952), an ingenious novel of social reminiscence, and *Proof Positive* a murder

### mystery. MR WILLIAM GROUNDWATER

Mr William Groundwater, who was for 21 years Rector of Stromness Academy in the Orkneys, has died at the age of 76. He retired as Rector in

Venice due to high tides at the station.

Another curious bloke I Orkney and was a co-editor met was B. Traven, the of The New Orkney Book. He served on the Orkney Islands Council for a term and was at one time vice-chairman of the education committee. His wife Mrs Rosetta

### William, resident surgeon in Orkney, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Connie. KONSTANTIN ZARODOV

Konstantin Zarodov, --- a

leading Soviet journalist has died at he age of 61. Zarodov had been chief editor since 1968 of the World Maxist Review, a theoretical and information journal for communist and allied parties that is sold in about 150 countries, and had from 1961 to 1965 been chief editor of Sovietskaya Rossiya. He had previously been First Deputy Chief Editor of Pravda and was a junior member of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

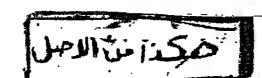
A distinguished educa-tionist he was also a poet and Groundwater, who died in 1976, became the first and only Provost of Stromness. He is survived by his son

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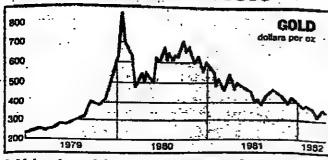
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# **BUSINESS NEWS**

### Gold follows crisis



Gold has been following the fortunes of the Falklands crisis in recent days. Monday's drop of \$14.5 to \$348 an ounce as hopes rose for a negotiated settlement was continued in New York where the price fell to \$341.50. But there was some recovery yesterday in London where it closed at \$342.75. The dollar fell below DM 2.40 for the first time since the Argentine invasion more than a fortnight ago, after signs that the Federal Reserve Board is not going to tighten credit policy,

### Nat West resists bank tax

Strong resistance to further taxation of the banks was promised by National Westminister yesterday, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, chairman, said at the annual meeting that the banks were convinced of the soundness of their case against further tax. "We will be ready with a robust defence of our position when we can see the battleground more clearly," he said. Mr Leigh-Pemberton described the Chancellor of the Exchequer's comments in the Budget on the level of tax borne by the banks as unjustified and vague.

### Staving off Soviet pianos

The EEC Commission has imposed a provisional antidumping duty of 478 European Currency Units (about £267) on upright planes from the Soviet Union because they were competing unfairly with pianos made in Britain. The commission found that pianos from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany were squeezing British-made instruments out of the market for low-priced beginners' pianos, with the result that United Kingdom production fell to 13,000 in 1980 from 18,700 in 1979.

### Electric truck from Lelyland

Leyland Vehicles is teday announcing plans for limited production of an electric version of its 7.5 tonne Terrier truck. The battery-powered vehicle, to be built in small numbers next year, will have a top speed of 40mph and a working range of 50 miles. It working range of 50 miles. It has a payload capacity of 2.5 tonnes and will be simed at local authorities

Nigeria is to curb imports, and raise domestic interest rates by 2 per cent. President Shagari also announced mea-sures to combar rampant smuggling that has been undermining efforts to control foreign exchange outflows. He gave no details where the two per cent increase would be applied.

### **Concert party**

Government moves to make "concert party" share deals illegal are expected within two weeks. Orders making it a criminal offence for inves-tors to buy shares separately with the intention of using them as one holding later wil be among a number of new measures

### **Monopolies** post

Sir Alan Neale, a former senior civil servant who has been a part-time member of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission since last May, has been appointed one of its three part-time deputy chairmen in succession to Sir Max Brown. Sir Alan was formerly Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and is an expert on Unted States anti-trust law.

market expectations of about

E12m pre-tax were not met.

Supermarket group William

Low was unchanged at 200p

after a modest rights issue
accompanied interim results, but

there was a 17p leap to 153p for newsagents John Menzies after a

23 per cent profits rise and a 45p

epurt to 380p for Tilbury Group,

also on improved earnings.
Itawker Siddeley was 6p
better at 302p as the market.
awaited finals due today, which
are expected to show a jump in
pre-tax profits from £113m to
about £125m. Meanwhile Harris
Queensway hardened 10p to
148p with the market looking for

up to £9m pre-tax in today's

173p after news that Mr Ralph Halpern, chairman, had exercised

an option to acquire 100,000 shares at 56p, having at the same time sold 245,000 shares at

171 %p.
On the bid front BPCC put on

2½p at 40½p after the previous day's intervention in the bid by John Menzies for Lonsdale Universal, 1p better at 68p.

Foster Brothers shed 5p to 60p

on the sale of a number of subsidiaries while profit taking clipped 20p from Channel Tunnel

at 128p. Banks were firmer with Bar-

clays up 5p at 443p, and Lloyds 8p better at 421p.

Gareth David

Burton Group were 2p beter at

ligures against 25.3m.

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### **MARKET SUMMARY**

### Glaxo the star turn Smiths Industries provided

### LONDON EXCHANGE one of the few disappiointments

FT Index 562.6 up 4.5 FT Gilts 67.45 up 0.39 FT All share 321.42 up 4.21

Bargains 15,456 Hopes for peace continued to overshadow the Stock Market but early enthusiasm was tempered by the Prime Minister's comments on the House suggesting a settlement of the Falklands crisis looked no nearer. The FT index eased slightly off the best to close up 4.5 at 562.6

GLAXO was again the star turn among leading equities, jumping 18p to 621p on recent figures and on the prospects for the Zantac drug. This is a rise of 69p since the results were announced two weeks ago.
The market is also extremly

short of stock a factor which helped Sainsbury to a 20p jump to 590p as a large -- buyer remained in the market. Business remained thin in the

gill market where there were lurther advances with long dates 14 firmer and shorts showing

Oils were a firm sector with BP putting on 6p at 302p and Ultramar jumping 13p to 406p after bullish comments from Mr. Amoid Lorbeer, chairman, in the group's annual report. This year will be one of consolidation says the board, but after capital expenditure of £450m in the next two years the group will have the basis for continued growth and sharply increased earnings.

COMMODITIES

the bearish sentiment.

### OTHER EXCHANGES

 Raw sugar futures closed easier, between £6.7 and £3.8 per forme below yesterday's close. tokyo: nikkei Dow Jones Index 7,258.15 up 122.94 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,193.77 up 13.12 Dealers said prices drifted slightly lower from midday levels, attracting some support at lower

### **CURRENCIES**

levels, but not enough to count traded May ended at £129.0. ● The pound rose to \$1.7745 above its new contract low of £128.5. before dropping back on renewed anxieties over the Falklands crisis. The dollar tell sharply on In the morning reports of further producer selling, particularly by Thailand, had prompted further liquidation lower dollar interest rates and signs that the Fed does not intend LONDON CLOSE

Starting \$1.7655 down 5 points Index 89.8 down 0.1 Fr. F 11.0400 Yen 431.00 Index 115.2 down 0.7 DM 2.3965 down 188 pls \$342.75 down \$5.25

### TODAY

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, addresses annual dinner of the Process Plant Association, London Mon-thly council meeting of the Confederation of British Industry. Cyclical indicators for the United Kingdom economy (March); Indices of average earnings (Februa-ry): Indices of basic wage rates

(March).

Board Meetings. Interims:
McKechnie Brothers, MTD (Mangula); Wade Potteries. Finals:
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# Paris talks aim to ease trade tension

will be held along the same the United States to the lines as the first informal EEC's subsidized agricultural quadripartite trade meeting exports.

The EEC will be represented by Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, the EEC Compaires and Sir Roy Denman, the department's Director General Agreement on department's Director General Trade (GATT) eral. The United States will However, some officials

missioner for External Affairs and Sir Roy Denman, the department's Director General. The United States will be represented by Mr William Brock, the United States Trade Representative. Mr Shintaro Abe, the Minister for International Trade and Industry, will attend for Japan and Canada's representative will be Mr Ed Lumley, Secretary of State for Trade. EEC officials describe the meeting as an exercise to "clear the air" between the four trading blocks. But it EEC officials describe the meeting as an exercise to "clear the air" between the four trading blocks. But it four trading blocks. But it will take place at a time of growing trade tension that threatens to upset the atmosphere at this year's Western personner that the EEC for its subsidized exports of food products such as wheat, flour, sugar, and active and naces. summit

Versailles in June.

Officials from the European Community, the United large and growing trade negotiate in Gatt a limit to
States, Japan and Canada will surpluses with the EEC and the amount of corn gluten hold a top-level meeting next the United States, through to month near Paris in an specific complaints such as attempt to defuse growing the anti-dumping suits

tensions between the world's brought by American steel duty.

main trading blocks.

The meeting, which is pean competitors and the planned for May 12 and 13 growing hostility shown by substituted states to the first informal EEC. producers against their Eurois pean competitors and the on imports of the cereal
growing hostility shown by substitute has provoked hosme the United States to the tile reaction in the United

at poultry and pasta. Over the last month the

25 per cent rise in traffic and 20 per cent in revenue in the

Flotation depended on a company's long-term per-formance rather than one

bad year, Sir Humphrey said, and few companies could match the board's profit

record over the past decade.
While last year's results were not helpful and might have put the timetable back, they were "not a setback overall for privatization," he

The special circumstances

which upset results were an estimated £15m loss because

of industrial action at Sou-

thampton which diverted big container ships for much of the year, a £5m bill for

the government in approving

new severance terms for dockers, and subsidized competition from London,

Liverpool, and Bristol.
Without these, Sir Hum-phrey claimed, 1981 could

have been quite good despite the recession. He forsaw a

return to 20 per cent profits, while declining to specify the year in which this might happen.

the amount of corn gluten feed that the United States can sell to the European community free of import

tile reaction in the United

The corn gluten proposal, which involves United States sales to Europe worth about \$500m (about £282m) last year, is seen by the Ameri-cans as an attack on a longestablished tariff-free market and as an attempt by the Commission to abuse the liberal intentions of the Gatt treaty in a way that was not envisaged at Key Biscayne.

US rules out early Soviet grain deal

Mr William Brock said yesterday that the Reagan Administration was not ready to discuss another long-term grain agreement with the Soviet Union during nego-uations in Paris next month with a high-level team of Russion trade specialists (Bailey Morris, in Washington, writes). The Administration has not changed its position on a long-term agreement to meet the de-The talks can be expected tension in transatlantic trad-agreement to meet the de-to cover a whole range of ing relations has increased mands of angry United States trading issues from the dramatically. The EEC farmers, he added.

# £10m loss a blow to private docks plan

first quarter.

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

The Government's privati-zation plans suffered a severe blow yesterday when the profit again this year after a blow yesterday when the British Transport Docks Board, due for a 49 per cent public flotation later this year, reported a £10.3m pre-tax loss for 1981, over £20m down on 1980's £11.5m profit.

After a decade of steady profits — around £30m a year for four years to 1979 — the board has become something of a privatizer's pet, and the setback must raise fears of either postponing the flotation or of accusations of another "bargain basement" sale of public assets at the wrong time

wrong time.

The Dept of Transport where Mr David Howell is an enthusiastic privatizer, said yesterday, "The Government is still planning on privatization this years" tion this year".

And Sir Humphrey severance pay to non-docker Browne returu month after 10 years in the chair, put a brave face on it at a London press conference. Privatization would still go ahead this year he declared, and need not be at a bargain terms which he would "strongly disapprove

While he agreed that last year's results "looked awful" they were entirely due to

chairman of Lonsdale Uni-

versal, today to discuss Menzies' £5.64m cash bid.

stake, Menzies cannot add to

its stake for seven days under Takeover Code rules.

It can then acquire up to 30

per cent before the first

closing date of the bid.

The Lonsdale board met

their financial advisers Klein-

After picking up an 11.22

Menzies hopes to sway

By Gareth David

Mr John Menzies, chairman of the newsagent and
bookselling group, is due to
meet Mr Norman Ramseyer,
is Printing and Communi-

Lonsdale in bid talks

### BL 'not breaking **EEC rules**'

BL yesterday rejected a charge that it was breaking a European Community British content in the Tri-umph Acciaim car, which is based on a Japanese Honda

design. Mr Vittorio Ghidella, managing director of Fiat-claimed that the BL-Honda collaboration on the Acclaim was in breach of an EEC demand that there should be 80 per cent local content in such ventures. BL said: "This is nonsense,

there is no such regulation. The only figure we know of



Triumph Acclaim: content disputed

is 50 per cent local content requirement. It seems Mr Ghidella has got his facts confused".

BL also disputed Mr Ghi-della's assertion that the British content of the Acclaim was only 60 per cent.
"The ex-works value of the car, including the cost of labour at Cowley, is 70 per cent", the company said.

BL went on: "The Acclaim is of EEC origin according to

all relevant Community regulations and, in fact, this has been accepted by the Italian authorities for type approval

purposes."
Mr Ghidella, who was speaking at the Turin Motor Show, accused the Japanese of using back door methods of increasing their foothold in Europe, now that direct imports to several countries were limited by quota or voluntary agreement.
"We do not feel that the

collaboration between BL and Honda is fair and it is one of the cases we are most concerned about," he said.



### Lord Grade finally bows out at ACC

Lord Grade, chairman of ousted as Associated Communications Corporation three months ago by Mr Benjamin, Mr Louis Michael, Robert Holmes a Court, Mr Anthony Lucas, the resigned as a director of the company last night.

But he remains executive

deputy chairman of ITC Entertainments Inc. ACC's American subsidiary, the main source of his £200,000 a year salary. Further news of his future plans is expected payoff tal

next week. His departure was announced by ACC late last night in a boardroom shake-

up which leaves only one of the nine directors shown in the last accounts on the main board and creates a new executive board for day-today management which includes two ACC directors and two of the company's execu-

The reshuffle comes after the Australian financier's TVW Enterprises gained control of ACC with a two-tier offer which values the company at £60m. His takeover went unconditional four days ago with 90.01 per cent of the non voting shares and 88.76 per cent of the voting shares.

chairman of both the main and executive boards, but is standing down as chief further than the lobby.
executive, a post which will Mr Quartano said: "Mr
be abolished. Instead Mr Bert Holmes a Court tells me that Reuter, who has been run-ning ACC in the absence of Mr Holmes a Court, is had misunderstood his inappointed group managing structions. It was not non-director and sits on the main voting shareholders who board with Lord Windlesham, were to be barred from the board with Lord Windlesham, and the three new non-execu-tive directors, Sir Michael Clapham, Mr George Preston, and Mr Michael Edwards QC.

The executive board will consist of Mr Reuter as deputy chairman, Mr Louis Mr. Anthony Lucas, the company secretary, and Mr Derek Williams who took an ACC's financial responsibilities after Mr Holmes a Court made his first takeover bid and headed the board in

Barred from payoti talks

Mr Ralph Quartane, Post Office Pension Fund chief executive, was physically restrained yesterday from entering an ACC share-holders meeting where members were due to vote on a record golden handshake

for dismissed managing director, Mr. Jack Gill,
Mr. Quartano, whose fund is leading a number of institutional inestors in legal opposition to the payoff arrived a few minutes later for the noon meeting to find that a decision had been taken to allow holders of voting shares to attend. ACC employees, who said they had instructions from

the office of Mr Robert Halmes a Court, chairman to Mr Jolmes à Court remains allow only voting share-hairman of both the main holders into the meeting, and executive boards, but is prevented him from moving meeting but the press." Asked if was satisfied with that explanation he said: "I

don't want to comment."

### Exchange takes on another watchdog

By Our Financial Staff Mr John Young, aged 44, a senior partner of stock-brokers Simon & Coates is to resign from his firm and take up the new position of Director of Policy and Plan-ning at the Stock Exchange

next month.

He will be the second stockbroker to swop a partnership for a staff job with the Exchange's administration in six months. The last was Mr Robert Wilkinson who became the Exchange's Inspector keeping a watch on firms' accounts and business conduct, last November.
"I am delighted, I think my

long experience as a working stockbroker will help in the new job. It was a personal decision, but I would like to be of service to the Stock Exchange as a whole," Mr

Exchange as a whole," Mr Young said.

Mr Young, a member of the ruling stock exchange council for the past four years, is chairman of the quotations Committee and sits on the Property and Finance and the Appeal Committees. He has been with Simon and Coates for 21 years and a partner for the years and a partner for the past 17. Mr Young will resign from both his firm and the council before taking his new

appointment on May 25.

He will report directly to
Mr Jeffrey Knight who was
appointed Stock Exchange
chief executive two months ago on the resignation of Mr Robert Fell.

His area or responsibility will cover the policy of the membership and quotations departments, planning and relations with external institutions at home and abroad.

### **NEDO** call for change in industry

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Chandler, director general of the National Economic Develop-ment Office, yesterday called for change "across the whole spectrum of society" to raise Britain in the world indus-

trial league.

Britain, he said, had performed worse than any of the country's major industrial competitors since the war.

"This is regardless of the political party in power. There has been a steady movement to the bottom of the industrial league"

Mr Chandler, recently reappointed for a further year to the top job at NEDO, has often been critical of both sides of industry and of government and civil servants for the lack of industrial consensus. As director of the nation's major tripar-tite economic forum, he has championed the cause of long-term industrial strategy and attacked what he has described as the dogma and ignorance that have exacerbated Britain's industrial problems.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union in Blackpool, he listed the five forces in society that were not playing their right-ful role — shareholders, non-executive directors, employees, trade unions and government. More employee involve-

ment was needed; until workers had the resources of analysis and skill to match those of management, he believed their part in society would not be as creative and as helpful to change as it

### wort Benson yesterday to share gross to 6.39p after consider the Menzies offer, adjustment for last year's but in the meantime strongly scrip issue. Lloyd's denies writing new Argentine Insurance

ish Printing and Communication Corporation hoped to halt the Menzies bid by picking up a 6.51 per cent stake in Lonsdale.

Meanwhile, Menzies shares

celebrated yesterday's an-nouncement of a 23 per cent boost in pre-tax profits from

jump to 253p. Dividends for the year to January are increased from 5.32p per share gross to 6.39p after

with a 17p

£7.66m to £9.43m

# Sanction-busting report rejected

Argentine airline, was not being handled in London. Lloyd's officials were also in

touch with insurance brokers

yesterday to ensure adher-ence to the market's policy

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Anthony Bevins

Lloyd's, the London in- of Trade yesterday that the Argentine surance market, denied being renewal of the reinsurance monopoly party to sanctions-busting for Aerolinas Argentinas, the Nacional yesterday as confusion per-sisted over the involvement of British insurance interests with Argentina since government sanctions were imposed on April 3 after the Falklands invasion. There has been speculation that British companies have continued to negotiate on new business for Argentina.
This came after allegations

in Parliament yesterday by Mr Christopher Price (Labour, Lewisham West) that members of Lloyd's syndicates had given further insurance cover for the insurance cover for the Argentine airlines and were arranging the renewal of the policy which expires on May

But Lloyd's yesterday rebuffed these claims. No policy on Argentine business had been signed since April 2 and any new policies had been shelved since that date, a spokesman said. Mr Peter Rees, the Trade

Minister, is expected to reply today to a priority written question concerning British involvement in insurance for Argentina, which has been tabled by Mr Price.
Mr Tim Brennan, deputy

England, the Department of Trade confirmed yesterday that is was not illegal to do business with Argentina if no claims were met. However, there has been unconfirmed speculation that some British companies were attempting to circumvent restrictions by channelling

business through Switzer-

sanctions.

United States insurance broker, has in the past handled reinsurancea of chairman of Lloyd's, gave an handled reinsurancea of Uruguzy because of British assurance to the Department Aerolinas Argentines for the sauctions against Argentina.

Inder (Institut Nacional de Reasseguros) firmly denied on Monday that it is now handling the renewal of this business. In New York this week, Mr Gordon Cobleigh, vice-president of Frank B. Hall, said On April 14, Lloyd's issued a notice making clear that no Lloyd's brokers or underwriters should be arranged.

new business with Argentina. This came after the Bank of The reinsurance for Aerolineas Argentinas is believed to be highly profitable with \$8 to \$10 (£4.5m to £5.6m) England's guidelines on the Although no premiums are being received from Argenworth of premiums at stake. The aircraft fleet is believed tina and any claims have to to be valued at \$711m (£403m) be paid into a special holding account at the Bank of and includes seven 747s and seven 707s.

In a telex dated April 16 Frank B. Hall offered INA UK Holdings, a London company, a share in the reinsurance business and asked it: "Please advise support earliest possible Monday April 19." Lloyds Bank

national confirmed it had withdrawn from its lead Sedgwick Group, which management role in \$100m with Frank B. Hall, the credit for the Salto Grande Hydroelectric project between Argentina of Uruguay because of British

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second half of the year. Our balance sheet remains 1981 £'000 £'000 £'000 Sales 25,237 27,861 26,679 2,643 2,585 Profit before tax 2,349 Earnings per share 43.7p 40.5p 14.0p Dividends 12.5p 11.5p SMETHWICK WARLEY WEST MIDLANDS

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### MONEY MARKETS

Period rates were a little coole

where changed. The Bank bought £305m. of bills in response to a forecast shotage of £300m. Domestic rates: Base rates 1.3% 3 month interbank 13%-13% Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 1413/16-151/16

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# S/COMPANIES AND MARKET REPORTS

# Sins spot-on... diamonds lose cash-appeal

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Steers from this Industries on its finance are obviously distening to (Sally

for the interim pot on: the pretax the middle of the 17m against £9.97m dend was 4p against crease is to reduce the tween interim and

Smiths warns that it rove possible to mantain level of profits achieved cond half of last year, and uestions about the possif continuing an unbroken, profit growth, then analysts down their forecasts.

ast £29m for the full year
casts could be less than £26m, if dividend growth is main-

Even at a reduced forecast, miths is on a rating of 14 times. When it spread of engineering activities — aerospace, defence, cars, marine and medical products - are going well, that may be justified. But aerospace is no longer a guarantee of a glamour rating — Smiths supply is to Boeing as well as the Airbus programme. Cars continue to be

depressed by world recession and, distribution and marine business is

The medical side is doing particularly well — trading profit up rom £1.77m to £3.55m. But while profits there will continue to grow, particularly in the United States, the same may very well not be true of the Australian and South African businesses. Interest rates in both countries are rising to the detriment of economic

Smiths lists the reasons for caution for 1982 as a whole. As its financial year finishes in July, it has a very clear picture.

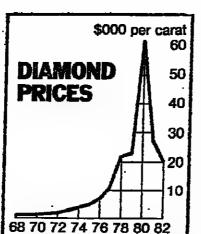
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economic activity is stagnant. Deferments in military procurement and a slow-down in civil aircraft orders are restricting short-term growth in aerospace. Prospects for all businesses apart from medical remain depressed.

Interest charges are up, at £2.9m for the half year against £2.0m last time. Smiths' reason is that further investment was required to finance the growth of overseas

The shares closed at 338p, down from 345p on the figures.

### Hard stones at soft prices



low" are being used: an Ashton Joint Venture valuer bas made the lowest ever valuation of diamonds from the Venture's Argyle pros-pect in Australia (Sally White

The Australian company, CRA, which has a 56.8 per cent beneficial interest in the Ashton Joint Venture, is 57.2 per cent owned by Rio Tinto Zinc. In its report for the quarter to March 31 CRA says that the latest valuation reflects the present depressed conditions in the diamond industry. As with other precious raw materials, world recession has diminished demand.

The Venture valuer assessed 32,000 carats from the Northern and Southern sections of the AK-1 Diamonds are the latest raw Kimberlite Pipe, and gave an material for which the words "new average valuation of \$7 a carat.

This compares with the previous valuation made in the last quarter of 1981 by the Central Selling Organization of between \$7.75 and \$8.40, a carat. In the past, valuations as high as three times this figure have been made in the four-year history of the working. The chart shows how the price of the Carat D Flawless, a first rate diamond, soared with the price of gold and then fell sharply. This is the top end of the diamond market the Gemmological Institute of America says it certifies only 70 or 80 of such stones a year. Prices of

other diamonds have followed a

similar, but less extreme, path.

### Bold bid by Britannia

Britannia Arrow, the financial ervices group, has topped the bid for General and Commercial Investment Trust made by Refuge Assurance (Sally White writes). Britannia Arrow is making a cash bid that is valued at 3 per cent above the net asset value of the trust; the Refuge bid was at net asset value.

According to Britannia, whose unit trust group owns just over 29 per cent of the trust's shares, this rather expensive way of raising money is justified. But judgment depends on how the money, which would be raised by liquidating the investment trust portfolio,

At this stage, all Britannia will say is the money will be used to expand its activities - it had £10m in cash at the last balance sheet date and this bid is valued at £15.3m on the share offer of £13m on the cash offer. Britannia adds: 'In particular it is intended to acquire more fund management groups both in the United King-dom and overseas." At the moment several potential acquisitions in the United States and elsewhere are under scrutiny.

Terms of the bid are 286.5p a share and the cash alternative is of just over 252p. On the news, the shares of General and Commercial Investment Trust gained 12p to 248p. The share bid is more than 10 per cent above the net asset

Rufuge is left wondering about Britannia's reasons for bidding so high. The assurance group is leaving its bid on the table, but will not raise its value.

Britannia had had its eye on this investment trust for sometime: it is a useful size. It would seem to have been preparing its bid simutaneously as Refuge. To questions about the cheaper option of a rights issue, Britannia just point to the state of the market. In point to the state of the market, in fact there is even a Falkland Island clause in this bid to give cover while the underwriting is being arranged. This says the offer is conditional on war not being declared or if there are "major hostilities without a declaration of

war prior to 5 pm" yesterday. The acquisition of this stake in 20/8 was a central feature of Charterhouse Petroleum's bid for CCP. But Charterhouse said its decision to withdraw was also influenced by the results of CCP's

in CCP's net current assets since the last year end.
Cluff is CCP's largest shareholder with a 29.9 per cent of the

Well 12/28-1, the lower than torecast level of oil production from the CCP Buchan Field

interest in the first quarter of

1982, and the significant reduction

shares.
This move by Charterhouse leaves the way clear for Tricentrol which announced a rival recommended offer worth some £15.26m Tricentrol offer document issued last week said it had received in respective acceptances in respective of 15.2 per cent of the CCP equity, with Cluff confirming its support of the Tricentrol of the subject to the lapsing of its undertaking to accept the Charter-

house bld. Cussins Property has obtained detailed planning consent for reconstruction and refurbishment of its freehold Handyside Arcade; a two-storey retail arcade in Percy St, in the centre of Newcastleupon-Tyne.

The company estimates that on completion the scheme will have

Dry Cleaner Sketchley has extended its \$33 a share bid for Means Services and of the United

New York April 20.-Share prices slipped lower in early trading under the combined pressure of profit-taking and the uncertainty surrounding the Falkland Islands situation.

WALL STREET

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by about 24, points, continuing the downtrend that started late yesterday.

by five to four and volume totalled some 9m shares in the first half hour of trading. Analysts said investors are also-concerned about the continued lack of any compromise between Congress and the White House on a Federal Budger "package," on a reueral Budget package.

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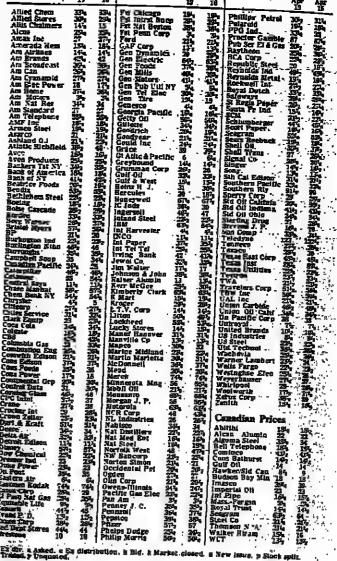
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### **OVERSEAS** COMPANIES

Fried Krupp raised world group external sales by seven per cent last year to DM14,800m and recorded a 26 per cent increase in Helmul Metzger, managing board member said.
Sales in the first three months

of 1982 were almost 10 per cent up on a year ago, but he gave no

New orders in the first three months were down from a year ago but still over a third higher than this year's first quarter sales,

**LATEST RESULTS** 

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made up of an 89 per cent increase to DM9,400m in foreign

its consolidated group profit fell by 88 per cent in 1981, to 23.9m Swiss Francs from Sw Fr195.9m in 1980. The company's directors decided to cut the annual dividend to 10 per cent from 15 persent.

to 10 per cent from 15 per cent. Total group sales in 1981 fell about 3 per cent, to Sw Fr3,99m from Sw Fr4,112m in 1980. Sales in the diversified manufacturer's most important sector, military products, dropped 23 per cent,

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He gave no 1981 earnings profit fell in 1981 to Sw Fr37m this year.

The holding company's net profit fell in 1981 to Sw Fr37m this year. Taxed profit at the four gold mines managed by Rand Mines fell to 31.3m rand in the first quarter of 1982, 47.5 per cent lower than profits in the previous three

The slump was caused by a leaker gold price, rising costs and provision for the higher taxes on gold mines announced in the South African budget last month,
Two of the group's mines, East Rand Proprietary and Durban Roodepoort Deep, plan to claim financial assistance from the

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South African government to compensate for the lower gold price received and spending on Durban Deep's taxed profit dropped to 2.6m rand between January and March, from 8.4m

rand in the fourth quarter of 1981. East Rand reported a 6.9m rand loss, compared with a profit of 8.8m rand in the previous three The group's largest mine, Harmony, reported taxed profit of

1982, down from 24.9m rand. Th mine's unit costs rose from 39.70 rand per ton milled to 48.66 rand, while the gold price received fell from 13,190 rand per kilogram to

Krupp Stahl said it expects profits to show radical improvement on 1982, after a group net loss of DM112m last year. A shareholders' letter said steel

output is unlikely to rise this year owing to the state of the economy, but higher EEC steel prices and continued restructuring and costparing will raise earnings dis-tinctly, the group said.

Fried Krupp and National tranian Steel have respective takes of about 70 and 25 per cent in the company. After-lax profit of Westib Asia

rose 41 per cent to 22.8m Hongkong dollars in 1981 from SHK16.1m in 1980, the bank's West German parent, West-deutsche Landesbank Girozen-

### **BIDS AND DEALS**

Consolidated Gold Fields has bought, through its ARC Marine subsidiary, the marine aggregates business of Royal Roskalis Westminister of the Netherlands for between £10m and £15m.

ARC Marine is acquiring Westminister Gravets, a fringe activity of RBW, which owns three

activity of RBW, which owns three dredgers, its main business is supplying marine dredged sand and gravel to United Kingdom and European customers. Last year Westminister made pretax profits of £946,000 on turnover of £7.3m. It employs 100 people. For ARC

the acquisition bolsters its own marine aggregates business and renforces its long term commitment to marine dredging.

RBW sees the move as the best possible to provide the long term support for Westminister in the light of rationalization of the aggregates industry over the last few years. few years. Charterhouse Petroleum has

withdrawn its £15.5m bid for CCP With the sea Associates after making an agreement with Cluff Oil where, subject to Department of Energy consent, it will acquire from Cluff a 17.1 per cent stake in United Kingdom North Sea Block 20/8 20/8.

which Charterhouse has a 9.8 per cent interest and where an oil discovery was made last year. A well is due to be started in 20/8 next month.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Mr.dv. G. Barrett has been named chairman and chief executive of London Ameri-can international Corporation (LAICO). He takes over from Mr G. W. Taylor, who becomes Midland Bank chief

Wyatt, an assistant general manager of Midland Bank, is to become a director of Lalco. He is also named general manager of the international trade services organization.

Mr L. V. D. Tindale, deputy chairman of Finance for Industry (FFI) has rebecomes Midland Bank chief executive on May 1. Mr signed as a director of Laico and becomes a director of Midland Bank, will also have respensibility for Midland Bank. Group International Bank. Group International Export finance, aerospace, project finan signed as a director of Laico and becomes a director of London American Marketing Corporation (Lamco), in which FFI retains a shareholding Mr A. J. Ponte has resigned as chief executive and managing director of

# Ultramar: A powerful performance based on widespread strengths

### Extracts from Mr. Arnold Lorbeer's Statement to the Shareholders and the 1981 Annual Report

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You will see from our Annual Report that we did well in 1981. Our sales revenue of £1,392,500,000, cash flow of £136,400,000, before tax profit of £180,200,000 and net profit of £90,700,000 were records for the Ultramar Group. We were able to achieve these results in the face of a world overproduction of crude oil which has caused profit margins to weaken and an economic recession which has reduced the demand for refined petroleum products in all the major markets.

On the basis of these results, your Board is recommending a final dividend of 8p per share. bringing total dividends paid out of 1981 profits to 13p per share. The 1981 dividend, together with the relevant Advance Corporation Tax, comes to £20,000,000.

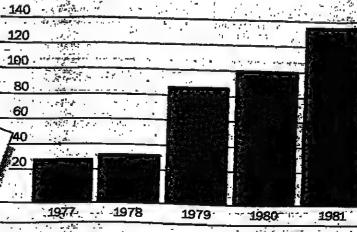
After three years of excellent growth, during which net return on average invested capital has averaged over 25 per cent, it appears that 1982 will be a year of consolidation. Indonesian income is expected to be steady, but Eastern Canadian refining and marketing profits will be adversely affected by lower profit margins. The California division will benefit from the acquisition of Beacon Oil Company Shipping rates are still low and the level of profitability of the marine division is dependent upon the availability of business in the US preferential trade. Canadian and North Sea production, UK marketing and Caribbean operations should be profitable but will

Our financial position is strong and we have again improved our net working capital. We have also been able to continue, and even accelerate our capital expenditure programme. All the signs point to 1984 as the year in which we will double our gas production in Indonesia, produce a lighter mix of petroleum products at the Quebec Refinery, have a new source of North Sea crude oil and be operating a modern fleet of medium sized oil-bulk-ore carriers.

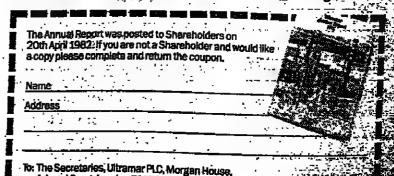
Our most important asset is the people who work for Ultramar Their dedication and talents are responsible for the continued good results of the Ultramar Group.

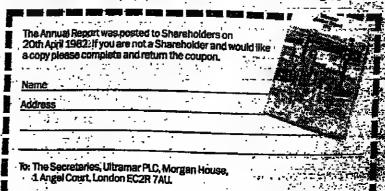
Earnings per Ordinary Share	84.3p		49:2p		8.2
Net profit	-90.7	74.1	46.8	8.6	8.6
Foreign exchange fluctuations	(1.9)	0.6	1.5		(5.6
Operating profit after taxation	92.6	73.5	45.3		
Taxation on operating profit	87.6	52.8	30.1	23.6	10.5
Operating profit before taxation	180.2	126.3	75.4	37.7	24.7
Cash flow from operations	136.4	100.5	86.3	31.6	26.7
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### UNITED STATES Trade with S. America to increase

Congressman Bill Brock said the United States is intent on increasing trade with South including when he met reporters in Washington to scuss a trip last week to Argentina, Brazil and Peru. He emphasized that the Falklands crisis, in terms of

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per cent of winning firms employing less than 200. A typical example of the effectiveness of small companies is Micro Focus, a London-based software firm, which has been established for trade, was not raised. There have been press reports that the United States ight consider trade or other economic sanctions against Argentina, but Mr Brock declined to discuss the reports because of delicate egotiations.

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Peking has agreed to increase trade with the Soviet Union by 43 per cent this year, but this involves further planned reduction of Coopers (Metals); Cummins apile raw material imports from Moscow will rise, western economists said here today. The agreement set the value of bilateral trade at \$302m (E18.3m) 43 per cent Wheaton UK; Fabrikast Industries; Fairey Allday Marine. up on the pravious year but tries; Fairey Allday Marine, Navigation Systems Department of Ferranti; Donald

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# HUNDRED YEARS!

1981 RESUUS New Annual Premiums up by 16%

\* New Single **Premiums** up by 75%

\* Protected Growth Declared Rate up to 1234%

Terminal Bonus Increased Assets now exceed

£400 Million **NEW DEVELOPMENTS** 

\* First Annual Declaration of Bonus

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### **INVESTMENT**

\* £60m of new money invested --32% into gilts,

19% in property, 40% in equities.

9% in cash.



The Queen's Awards

# Selling technology to Japan

A firm which became the first British Company to export micro computer software to the Japanese is among the 110 winners of this year's Japanese is among the 110 winners of this year's Queen's. Awards for export and technology announced today. Awards were made to 91 firms for export achievement and 19 for technological advances. Although the total of 110 was one more than last year, the number of applications received for the awards was down from more than 1200 to only 1079, the lowest since the 1974 oil crisis. The present recession has taken its toll of the number of companies applying for awards in the export section with only 818 firms

in the export section with only 818 firms believing they were worthy of consideration this

One of the significant features of this year's

awards is the number of small companies recognized for their achievements with about 45

software firm, which has been established for less than six years. Last year it became the first software company to win an award for a technological breakthrough. This time its award is, for export achievement with almost three quarters of the firm's turnover earned abroad. It

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national; Alvis; Aston Electronic Developments;

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Colour Systems; Marine Services;

BOUSTEAD -

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Boustead, the commodity

trading and engineering group, reports that first quarter trading this year shows no definite upturn but

it detects some signs of

But for the last year to

December pretax profits tumbled to £1.42m from

12,1m. Sales in the period rose 16 per cent to £44.44m. The final dividend has been beld unchanged at 1.78p

gross and the group's shares moved a 1p up to 61p.

Operating profits were down at £1.66m, compared with £2.88m, but interest charges were up at £1m against £454,000. Investment

income was nearly doubled at

ES25,000. Associated compa-

nies profits were £303,000, compared with a loss last time of £262,000.

Mr Alan Charton, chairman, says results reflect the

worldwide: recession. In the United Kingdom, he adds, industrial operations were hadly hit in the first half but

recovered in the latter six months. Boustead's specialist manufacturer, king Trailers, benefited particularly with more than doubled profits.

The group's Singapore companies, notably the trading and shipping subsidiaries, achieved satisfactory results despite increased competition. But the Boustead Singapore Group saw profits down 31 per cent, mainly due to more trading at the

quarter

James Johnson

Marine Services, Johnston Cision Division of R H P Pipes; Kodak; Landis Lund; Bearings; The Avionics Division of Racal-Decca Navionic Broach Co Division of Racal-Decca Navionic Broach Control Racal-Decca Range Property Range Proper

Staveley Machine Tools; gator; Racal Security; Ran-Science Research; somes & Rapier; Redland

Life Science Research; somes & Rapier; Redland Liquid Plastics; The Actua- Automation; Roy Manufaction Division of Lucas Aero- turing Co (Fashions); Ruston.

Another successful small firm is the Clwyd based Tiger Tim products which has won an award for export achievement through the sale of kerosene firelighters to the Middle East, Europe and even the Southern Pacific.

This year one company has received a double award. The Actuation Division of Lucas Aerospace has gained an award for its sales of Aerospace has gained an award for its sales of hydraulic and pneumatic actuation systems used in aircraft secondary flying controls, for which it also won an award last year. At the same time the division wins a technology award for its innovative work in gas turbine engine re-heat nozzle and thrust reverse actuation systems. This

1. Suffering.

To be or not to be ... actor John Cleese stars in an industrial training film made by his company,

Video Arts. A series of such films produced by the company has won a Queen's Award

FOR TECHNOLOGY

The "Slimline" division of

ARC Concrete, Bristol — for research and development of

technology in precast concrete.

City Technology, London — for technological innovation in

the development of oxygen

Coles Cranes, Sunderland -

HAMILTON OIL

Two shutdowns

Hamilton Oil Great Britain the United Kingdom offshoot

of the United States Hamil

ton Brothers company, which flopped as a stock market

newcomer last year from £18.8m to £13.1m. The group, most of whose income comes from a 28.8 per cent interest in the North

Sea's Argyll field, suffered

from two shutdowns during the year. One was a sched-uled eight-week stoppage for structural modifications to

the platform. The other, for six weeks, was caused by

Bodycote International, the Manchester-based protective clothing and metal treatment

specialists surprized the market yesterday with better

than-expected pretax profits of £917,000 against £1.08m

last year. The share price rose 3p to 58p as Bodycote announced that dividends had been held at last year's level

of 2.85p gross, making 5.17p for the year. The yield is 9.8

unusually severe storms.

Dividend held

BODYCOTE

dividend.

Mr Oakley will be succeeded by Mr William Everard known as a "company doctor" who will join as group managing director and chairman, said the group had come through the year health ier although smaller coming

national; Quest Automation Systems; The R H P Pre-cision Division of R H P

space; Mabey & Johnson; Gas Turbines; Shackleton for technological innovation in Martin-Baker Aircreft ComBegineering; Simon Food telescopic boom design.

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the extraordinary credit of £520,000.

Higher overseas tax had an adverse impact on earnings per share at 1.32p.

Mr John Oakley (above)

vesterday announced that he

will resign as chairman of the troubled toy-making group Berwick Timpo at its annual

meeting next month.

More than two weeks ago the board called for the resignation of Mr Kenneth Simmonds, the company's group managing director, after just over two years in the light in

the job. The call came after

Berwick reported a pre-tax loss of £467,000 for the last

year and passing the final

the Malaysianization pro- 1979. The Fraud Squad is

gramme. Taiping's profits investigating allegations of have been included for the six months to June. Profits over the book value of £259,000 has been taken in

2. Taking arms.

OPERATIONAL ALTERNATIVES

Division-Battlefield Sensors Royal Signals and Radar Establishment and Plessey

Optoelectronics and Microwave

for innovation in the research

and development of pyroelecic infra-red detectors.
Edwards of Enfield, Middle-

sex — for advancing tech-nology in the automatic hand-

iling, of non-ferrous metals extruded by hydraulic presses

Ferranti, Ferry Road, Edin-burgh — for the development

an production of a Combined Map and Electonic Display (COMED) for use in military

Instron, High Wycombe — for development and pro-duction of its 8000 series testing

extraordinary items were £600,000 charged as losses

attributable on closure of William Denby and £488,000 as a result of other losses and rationalization costs.

aircraft.

up to 7000 tons.
The Scottish Group

An even smaller firm, with a team of only six, has been similarly honoured for its efforts in the production and export of military pyrotechnics, and other defence equipment. Turnover at Richard Unwin International has grown from less than £150,000 in 1979 to around £2.5m last year. Among its product range are simulation systems to reproduce rifle and machine gun fire; mortar, grenade and shell bursts and larger scale

recently became the first British company to export micro-computer software to the Japanese. technology has contributed greatly to aircraft safety through lower fire risk and engine weight.

This year the export awards recognise some of the trading difficulties British companies have encountered. Seldom seen among the list of export winners are hotel groups, but one such is Comfort Hotels International which operates 27 hotels in Britain and overseas.

The awards also recognize the achievements of the independent Holborn Law Tutors, a college which provides full time degree and professional training for British and overseas students. The college has won the award for the export of its services to some 15 countries mainly in SE Asia and Africa, Merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell

and Africa. Merchant bankers Morgan Grentell win an award, for the second time. It exports its sevices to most parts of the world, in particular to North America, South-east Asia, South America and the communist countries.

The judges, under the chairmanship of Sir Douglas Wass, joint head of the Home Civil Service, were generally impressed with the overall standard of entries. They believed it was the recession rather than any lack of interest which kept entries at a low level this year. They stressed that the technology awards are made. stressed that the technology awards are made, not for inventions, but for products with a definite market and a proven record.

> Laser-Scan Laboratories, Cambridge — for innovation in the design and manufacture of laser-based computer periphgrais and systems

> The Actuation Division of Lucas Aerospace, Wolverhamp-ton - for technological innovation in gas turbine engine rehear nozzle and thrust reverse

> actuation systems.
>
> May and Baker, Dagenham for technological innovation in the development and production of 'FLAGYL' (metroni-

The Mining Research and Development Establishment of the National Coal Board, Burron-upon-Trent — awarded jointly to the Mining Research and Development Establishment and Salford Electrical Instruments for the Academic Instruments for the development and practical application of a natural gamma radiation Neotronics, Bishop's Stort-

ford - for the development and production of a fuel efficiency monitor which speedily analyses essential information on boiler or furnace combustion efficiency.

Osel Offshore Systems. Engineering, Great Yarmouth
for its development and production of one man tethered submersibles. Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge — for innovation in

breeding the nematode-resist-int main-crop potato variety, Maris Piper. Racal-Redac, Tewkesbury for innovation in the appli-cation of advanced micro-pro-

cessor technolog in the pro-duction of a portable desktop computer aided design ma-The Derby Englacering Function of Rolls-Royce, Derby — in recognition of an

outstanding contribution

fuel efficiency in the operation of turbofan aircraft engines. TSL Thermal Syndicate, Wallsend—for technological innovation in the manufacture translucent fused silica

telescopic boom design.

L1 Division-Battlefield Sensors Royal Signals and Radar
Establishment, Great Malvern erials, components and struc-Provision for taxation was

erest charges were substantially up at £313,900 from £25,000.

E196,000 against £373,000 in 1980. After a deduction of £9,000 for minorities, £711,000 was attributable to The full year improvemen F711,000 was attributable to in profits is expected to be shareholders against £701,000 made with only a small last time. Earnings per share before development projects but this deduction of extraordinary items of £1.08m were 9.02p against 8.88p last year. The directors are predicting a directors are predicting a final dividend up at 8.4p gross — from 7.7p — making a total of 11.4p gross.

### **MICROWAVES**

### WILLIAM LOW **USM** listing Continental Microwave (Holdings), a leading manufacturer of radio frequency £3.2m cash call

William Low, the Dundeeelectronic systems, used extensively in television and based supermarkets chain which last year closed its troubled fast food subsidiary, defence equipment, is set to come to the Unlisted Securi-ties Market following the placing by brokers Stock Beech of 248,000 25p ordi-MacTatties, is calling on shareholders for £3.2m. With the rights issue, at

With the rights issue, 145p a share, comes a pretax profits forecast for the year nary shares at 260p.

This represents 24 per cent of the total issued share of the total issued share are not at the group a earned on the previous year.
This brings Low closer to its
former strength when in 1979
it made £2.4m before tax. capital, giving the group a

market capitalisation of £2.67m. Of the shares being placed, 180,000 are being sold by existing shareholders, with 68,000 new shares, raising a net £110,000 of new capital. Dealings on the USM are due to begin on April 28. The cash call, on one for three basis, is a short term measure to bolster the effect of the group's interest charg-es and reduce borrowings but will add to its capital base. Low's shares dipped to 198p.

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Low, Scotland's largest independent supermarket retailer, reports half-time profits ahead at £1.05m in the six months to March compared with £835,756. Sales from continuing activities rose to £63.16m against £57m last time.

The half-time dividend is held at 3p gross.

UNITED PARCELS

Record posted

Road transport group United Parcels, formerly United Carriers, has reported record profits for the year to January 30. Pretax profits rose from £5.04m to £6.05m, on turnover up from £32.6m

held at 3p gross.

At the operating level profits were £1.47m, against £1m, but losses from the has declared a final dividend discontinued fast foods busi-ness were down at £109,376 payment of 4.5p. This is compared with £196,180. Int-unchanged from 1981.

### **Business Editor**

# Bed, breakfast and a hangover

The finance bill's proposals on indexation of capital gains tax (CGT) are developing into classic example of the gulf between theoretical correctness and practical disaster.

Acting with the best of fiscal intentions, the Chan-cellor wants to end the injustice of charging paper gains to capital gains tax by indexing their measurement to the rate of inflation. But this proposal has

caused widespread anxiety; first, over how it affects the popular investment practice of "bed and breakfasting," and second, the compli-cations it causes for future calculations of the tax. Bed and breakfasting is a

means of avoiding or limit-ing CGT through buying and selling shares in the same stock exchange account. As such, and in the



Sir Geoffrey Howe Intentioned

current phase of the Inland Revenue's assault on tax avoidance, severely restricting it comes as no surprise. Unfortunately, it is emerging that this measure is simply a by-product of the proposal to index CGT and end the pooling arrange-ments for calculating the

Stockbrokers admit that the arrangement was a source of revenue for them, but expressing irritation at how the restrictions have been introduced. Inland Revenue officials deny there was any specific intention to strike at bed and breakfasting. Instead. they say, indexation will make their calculation of CGT liabilities more com-

This is the rub, however. for stockbrokers who service private clients. The increased complexity of CGT means computer programmes will have to be rewritten, in most cases at considerable expense. There is strong support for official stock exchange representations to the GovernThe gut reaction is that if CGT costss more to calculate and raises less revenue, why not scrap it? The Revenue's argument is that the combination of indexation and raising the exemption limit from £3,000 to £5,000 will mean it can administer the tax with fewer staff.

This dose not absolve the Government from the confusion it has caused. Sources close to the Treasury have blamed the confusion on poor management at the Finance Bill planning stage. legislators to clarify the situation.

### **Exports**

### More advice

Small firms may be financially hard-pressed at the moment, but there is no shortage of well-intentioned assistance from both the Government and private sectors. Following the Business Opportunities gramme and industry's drive to increase the number of non-executive directors on company boards, there is now the establishment of the Export and Overseas Trade Advis-ory Panel (EOTAP).

The company, formed under the auspices of the Institute of Export, intends to provide a new style of advice to management seek ag to develop profitable business overseas. For a payment of £75 a day plus expenses, companies will be able to call upon the knowledge and advice of each of the panel's 33 members who include five former ambassadors, six former consuls general, and various former commercial counsellors, High Com-

missioners, export consultants and industrialists.
According to Mr Harold Yates, vice chairman of the institute's council and chairman of the new consultants of the new consultants. pany, the panel hopes to bridge the gap between potential exporters - and existing exporters who may have specific problems and the services that are available in Government departments and organiza-tions like the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTE).

The formation of the panel, however, says as much about the apparent inaccessibility of the mass of useful commercial information stored in Whitehall as it does about the lack of export knowledge on the part of the

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Singapore Group saw profits down 31 per cent, mainly due to poor trading at the Australian subsidiary.

Last year the group sold all its plantation activities with the sale of its Taiping plantation in Malaysia under subsidiary which Berwick closed in capital employed.

group managing director and come through the year health ier although smaller, owing to the board's policy of disinvestment from vulner-able textile activities, which produce high sales but an almost negligible return on capital employed. PLATINUM was at £188.15 (\$335.00) a troy ounce Sit.VER closed sleady at lower levels.

Bullon marker (fixing levels).

Spot. 406.20n per frey ounce (United States conis equivalent, 719.10); three months, 419.800 (746.20e): six months, 434.259 (773.50e): one year, 461.50p (826.40e). London Metal Exchange.

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SUGAR. — The London dally arice of raws: was 26 00 lower at 2139; the whites price was 26.00 lower at 2153; the whites price was 26.00 lower at 2153 Futures (f. per tonne). May 128 80-129 00; Aug 154.65-154 70: 00; 139.50-139 60; Jan 142.50-143.75. March 150.10-150 20; May 153 75-154.00; Aug 159.00-160 00; Sales 8.288 lots. including 87 options 1SA prices (April 16): daily. 9 loc; 15-day average, 10 28c.

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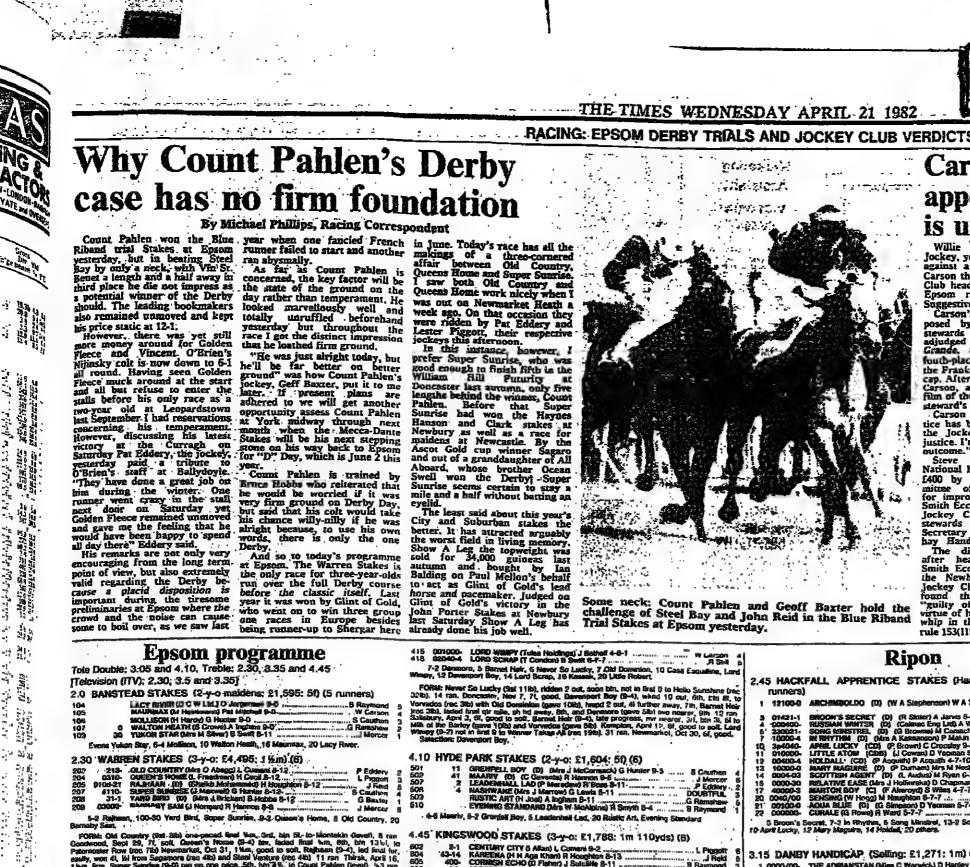
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# RACING: EPSOM DERBY TRIALS AND JOCKEY CLUB VERDICTS



### Carson's appeal

is upheld

Willie Carson, the royal

Jockey, yesterday won his appeal
against a three-day riding ban.
Carson then dashed from Jockey
Club headquarters in London to Epsom races where he rode

Epsom races where he rode
Suggestive to victory.
Carson's suspension was imposed by the Haydock Park
stewards on April 7 when they
adjudged his mount, Satin
Grande to have impeded the
fouth-placed Prince Warren in
the Frank Wooton Selling Handicap. After hearing evidence from
Carson, and viewing the patrol
film of the race, the Jockey Club
steward's allowed the appeal.
Carson said afterwards: "Justice has been done. That's what
the Jockey Club is all about,
justice. I'm a very happy with the justice. I'm a very happy with the

justice. I'm a very happy with the outcome."

Steve Smith Eccles, the National Hunt jockey, was fined 1400 by the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club for improper use of the whip. Smith Eccles was reported to the Jockey Club by the Newbury stewards for his riding of Secretary General in the Woodhay Handicap Steeplechase

The disciplinary committee, after hearing evidence from Smith Eccles as well as one of the Newbury stewards and a Jockey Club veterinary officer, found that the jockey was "guilty of improper riding by writte of his incorrect use of the whip in the race", a breach of rule 153(111).

# Prince Bless should rule at Cheltenham

Cheltenham this afternoon provides the perfect suswer to those Flat racing elitists who are only too eager to write National Hunt racing off as dead and buried at this time of year. Today's programme, with three races sponsored by the Irish bookmaker Sean Graham (there must be a joke there somewhere), shows that the sport is not merely alive but ticking to such an extent that even Epsom must look to its laurels in terms of catertainment value.

One of the features of this NH

bookmaker Seam Graham (there bookmaker Sandalar will reverse thouse the foun with his Sandalar will reverse the foun with his Sandalar will rever

cap Hurdle.

Prince Bless finished fast to take seventh place behind another of Mrs Smith's runners, Shiny Copper, in the Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival last month. That race was run in very soft ground and he showed his appreciation of faster underfoot conditions when, on his next appearance, he sprinted past the unbeaten Rushmoor and a top-class field to win at Liverpool.

Fulke Walwyn's horses have been in superb form and one of his most faithful servents, the 11-year-old Dramatin, near out of the first two in six raes, could well defy top weight in the Sean Graham Handicap Stephechase. Dramatist beat Chimila in the mud at the Festival meeting, but will not be inconveniented by today's faster surface. Don't Forget, who won impressibly at Wetherby recently, look, a dangerous rival and Silvernith could run well off, his low handicap mark.

The Sean Graham George Duller Hurdie may fail to Southdown Spirit, who beat the susful Le Gran Brun at Newbun Another Walwyn runner, the aptly-named Man of the Momen, looks the danger.

PORBLE Old Country (8st. 3ib) one-paced final firm, 3rd, bin St. to Montekin (level), 8 ran Goodwood, Sept 29, 71, soil, Queen's fitome (8-4) fire, faded final firm, 6th, bin 13h | 10, Paternoster flow (no. 7th) Neumarket, Oct 31, 1 firm, good to soil, Rejhaan (9-4), led final fir, sailty, you 4t, is from Seganore (no. 4th) and Steel Venture (rec. 4th) 11 ran Thirst, April 16, 1 firm, Buper Semilae (9-0) ran on one pace, 5th, bin 3 fir, is Count Pahlan (level) figure 10th) 5 ran Leicoster, March 30, 1 firm, good to soil.

FORBIT: Show-A-Leg (10st 4bt), effer 3 aut, soon bin, 8th, bot 6 kil, to Rushmoor (rec 27b) with Big Pal (see 22b), led 15 aut, wind, 6th, bin 4 kil, 13 ran, Dontaster, Oct 23, 1m 21 80v, good to soft Herbite Desayle 6-8-8, alwayed on, 3rt, bit in it, 16 Les Seven Hearts (gave 2b) and Bultsvertio (gave 2b) bit, bit herbite Clayle 9-8-10, 11 ran, Newsaatle, April 12, 1m, good, Latav (6-9) stayed on, 9rt, bit hi, to Kings Glory (rec 8b) with Redden (rec 2b) and Herbite Clayle free 5b), nor dengers, not in first 8 26 ran, Dontaster, March 27, 1m, good, Colden Brigadier (8-0), switched 1% out, ran an, 2nd, bits 4t, so 8ti Flux (rec 4bt), 9 ran, Haydock, April 7, 1m 21 131y, soft, African Pearl (9-8), shreet liste run, even 21, 3t free, 2bdock, April 7, 1m 21 131y, soft, African Pearl (9-6), switched 1% out, ran Folkestone, April 8, 14m, good.

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00000-0 DEMORE (CD) (Ref T Adem) C Netton 3-9-9
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4.45 KINGSWOOD STAKES (3-y-o: £1,788; 1m 110yds) (8)

Laurel racecourse is offering come through successes in the owners the chance to win \$1m by winning the Washington DC bine, Canada, on October 17 and International on November 6, Mew York's Turf Classic on Michael Phillips writes, Involving racing in England, France, Canada and New York, as well as Maryland, the York, as well as horse to have come nearest to racing in England, France, Canada and New York, as well as Maryland, the guranteed purse will be paid to the owner of any horse which sweeps on of two triple-race series culminating in the International itself.

the International itself.

In Europe the first two legs will comprise the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Priz de l'Arc de Triomphe. The other chance will

In the event of no horse winning the triple-race series the international will carry \$250,000 in orize money, of which in prize money, of whi \$150,000 will go to the winner.

# 2,45 HACKFALL APPRENTICE STAKES (Handicap: £965; 6f) (15

1.15 DANEY HANDRCAP (Setting: 2.1;2/1: 1111/cc/)
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4 04000/0 HARD FROST, IS] (Mrs J Cirtoton) P Berken 6-9-9
5 001200. SELA SHAKA (W Hirstings-Bess) W H-Buss 4-9-9
7 00000-1 STAR ALLIANCE OR Roma) R Morris 4-9-8 (790)
8 00-03. REBRISKG Harmani G Harman 4-9-7
9 0000-10 THRLEING (D) (G) Reed) C Thomato 6-9-7
11 9-0000-0 ELIZA DE RICH (D Pilus) R Holmshead 5-9-5
12 222940- STURBERGTON (RISEN) (B) (Miss R Readman) D Yeor 

# 1 BLACK GAAZEPTA (D) (J Marshall) A Jervis 9-3 21 PENTLAND JAVELIN (D) (S HIRD R HORINSHARD 9-1 1 MEDAALA (D) (G Steed) K Stone 9-0 G GODSRUM (Mrs S Shally) Mrs M Neebitl 8-8 6-4 Pentland Jevelin, 7-4 Medicala, 5-2 Black Glazenta, 16 Goderun. 5.15 SPA WELTER STAKES (£2,284: 1m 1f) (18) 5 SPA WELTER STAKES (E2,284: 1m 1f) (18) 000ARESDALE JUNCTION (G Bickerstein) G TON 4-9-9 ... 0-0 DALTRA (C Wold) J Totes 4-9-2 ... 000400MERD IT (E Deley) V Metchell 4-9-2 ... 000400MAF (Mr 7 Lockerble) G Lockerble 4-9-2 ... 000400MAF (Mr 7 Lockerble) G Lockerble 4-9-2 ... 000400MAF (Mr 7 Lockerble) G Lockerble 4-9-2 ... 000400SVALEARD (J Merghalt) A Junes 5-9-2 ... 000400SVALEARD (J Merghalt) A Junes 5-9-2 ... 000400VENT ARRIERE (Mrs J Jucob) R Morris 6-9-2 ... 000400CEMARRON (8) 00 G Faira) Mrs N Macculey 4-5-13 ... 10040 (G Read) C Thornton 3-8-5 ... 10040 (G Read) C Thornton 3-8-0 ... 00500DALTY SELL (G Read) C Thornton 3-8-0 ... 10040 ARE ESSENTIALS (O Fairbard) R Whitake 3-8-0 ... 00500ALDY OF RENOWN (A Shead) J W Wats 3-7-11 ... 11-4 Tawild, 7-2 lows, 8 Lady of Renown, 7 Syabord, 8 Ornolu, 10 ...P Cook

4.15 FOUNTAINS AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o; £1,730: 5f) (10)

Ripon selections

2.45 in Rhythm. 3.15 Prince of Blades. 3.45 Twist Home. 4.15 Hunter's Grove. 4.45 Pontland Javolin. 5.15 Twafiq. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.45 Exotish Agent. 3.15 Bila Shaka. 3.45 Alpha Omega. 4.15 Humber's Grove 5.15 Tawfiq.

**Epsom selections** 

2.0 Yukon Star, 2.30 Super Sunrise, 3.5 Show A Leg. 3.55 Old Dominion, 4.10 Maarly, 4.45 Century City, By Our Newmarket Correspondent

### Cheltenham NH

Tote Double: 3.5 & 4.15 Treble: 2.30, 3.40 & 4.45 [Television (BBC 1): 2.30, 3.5, & 3.40]

2.0 PAINSWICK HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1,552; April 6, 3et 11, soil Mid Day Gun (10-10), 3rd, bm 8 % of a 1/27 (suppose) 5 3001 STATESWOMAN May M Babbage 8-11-2 Mr Babbage 4

7 3202 THIRSTON D Beroes 6-11-12 B R Davies
5 0-310 YOUNG DUSKY F Winter 6-11-12 Francouse
10 00-00 CAMERO CRYSTAL F Watery 6-11-12 Francouse
12 2000 CHELSEA SLABU A Trylor 7-11-5 Mooney
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13 0000 DN SARREIGR D Parama 5-11-5 Mr Shith
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2.30 SEAN GRAHAM GEORGE DULLER HURDLE 4.15 HOLMAN CUP CHASE (Handicap: £3,902: 2m)

Marries, Lay B. Housen, 18 Donnison, 20 others.

Fermi Mayotte (11st 12th), Never nearry 6th, bin 29 %L, to Crimson Embers Gevel), with Opening Might Gevel, 9th, 11 ran. Chellenhaim, March 16, 3rs ii, heavy. Southdown Spirit (11-9), ran on will, won 3; 3t, iron to Gran Bran free 23th) and Trevs Way (gave 30t), with Mach Of The Mossert (rec 4th), 71 away 4th, Hans Brinker (gave 35t), with Mach of The Mossert (rec 4th), 71 away 4th, Hans Brinker (gave 35t), not in are 1, 14 ran. Newbury, Alerch 20, 2m 4f, good to soft. Upton Sisshop (11-12), 7th, to Fleshy's Pat free 15th), 13 rm. Fortwell, Alerch 23, 2m 2t, soft iglos Fire (10-11) not reach winner, 2nd, but hid to Emanded (gave 15th), 10 fri away in 5th, 13 rmi Newton Ahlbot, April 10, 2m 5f soft. Selectione Mayotta.

Wolverhampton results

TOTE: Win \$2.30. Places 21p., 20p. 41p. Duil | \$2.43. C\$P., \$2.21. J. Hindley at Newmerket. %1, 11. Kallif (\$-2) 4th, 12 rap. NRs: Right Resson and The Bracklord.

2.30 (2.32) BROCKTON STAKES (Div 1 3-y-o

Form: Dramatist (11st 8b), led lest, ran on minder pressure, won 2 M, fit from Chimrutet true 30) and Secretary General (rec 30), 6 pm.

-Chattecham, March 18, 2m 4f, heavy, Don't Forget (10-6), 2md, bit 6f, 9 Stady Deal fror 20), with General Select (rec 50), 20 meay 5th, 5 man, Ascot, April 7, 2m 41, good, Easter Sel (11-12-; fav. 6th, bit 7/4i, to Hobo (no 250). 11 mm Chapptow, April 13, 2m 41, good, Sparten Major (11-11), 6th to Old Bean (rec 25th), 13 mm, Horsdord,

parts 7 4.45 PANSWICK HURDLE (Div II; novices: £1,576;

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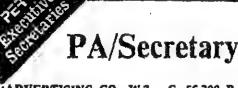
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Despite attempts by Parliament over almost a century to agents enjoy almost total free-dom. The last legislation affect-ing estate agents came into operation in November 1970. This banned the fixing of fees by groups of agents or professional bodies.

the latest legislation attempts The latest legislation attempts to provide protection for money and deposits. Clients' money must be kept in clearly identified accounts and be properly recorded. Agents will have to payinterest where the amount of the deposit is more than 2500 and the interest at least £10.

The Act also calls for full ine act also calls for full disclosures of an agent's private interests in a deal; bankrupts may only be employees of an agency; and pre-contract deposits will be banned in Scotland.

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But what really does it all add up to? Although agents sometimes ask for a small holding decorit as an act of faith that the

times ask for a small holding deposit as an act of faith that the would-be purchaser really means to go ahead, few people actually pay out the money. They are far more likely to hand the deposit to the vendor's solicitor.

Among the critics of the Act is Mr Kenneth Forbes, technical officer of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auction-

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will weed them out only after they have broken the law.

At present anyone can set up shop and call himself an estate agent without having to pass an examination of any kind or undertake a test of professional competence. This hardly reassures people who often ques-

its achievements are far too Apart from the stringent rules governing clients' money the Act legally obliges an agent to agree

with any person, before accepting instructions to sell his house, the commission to be paid, the circumstances in which it will be payable and any other liabilities to be incurred by the property owner. An agent must also disclose any personal inter-est in the transaction.

partner of Whiteheads, operating mainly in Hampshire and Sus-sex, says the Act is too late and

Mr Stephens says: "These measures may help to reduce the risk of misunderstanding and protect the public from the few unscrupulous agents. Reputable agents are not being asked to do anything they are not already

Mr Stephens accuses Mrs Sally Oppenheim, the former Minister for Consumer Affairs, of interpreting the Act and the evidence of professional bodies in a way which will give little benefit to the public. Like Mr Forbes he is worried that the Act lays down no minimum standards of com-

"It still remains open, there-fore, for anybody without quali-fications or experience to go into business as an estate agent, surveyor, valuer or auctioneer because none of these titles are protected by statute," he says. The public had more to lose from incompetence than from dishonesty.

Both men are scathing about the Act's limited protection for the public from losing money lodged with an estate agent. Mr Forbes points out that the main professional bodies are a bond. professional bodies run a bonding scheme to protect the public if an agent goes bankrupt or absconds with money.

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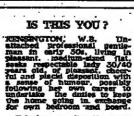
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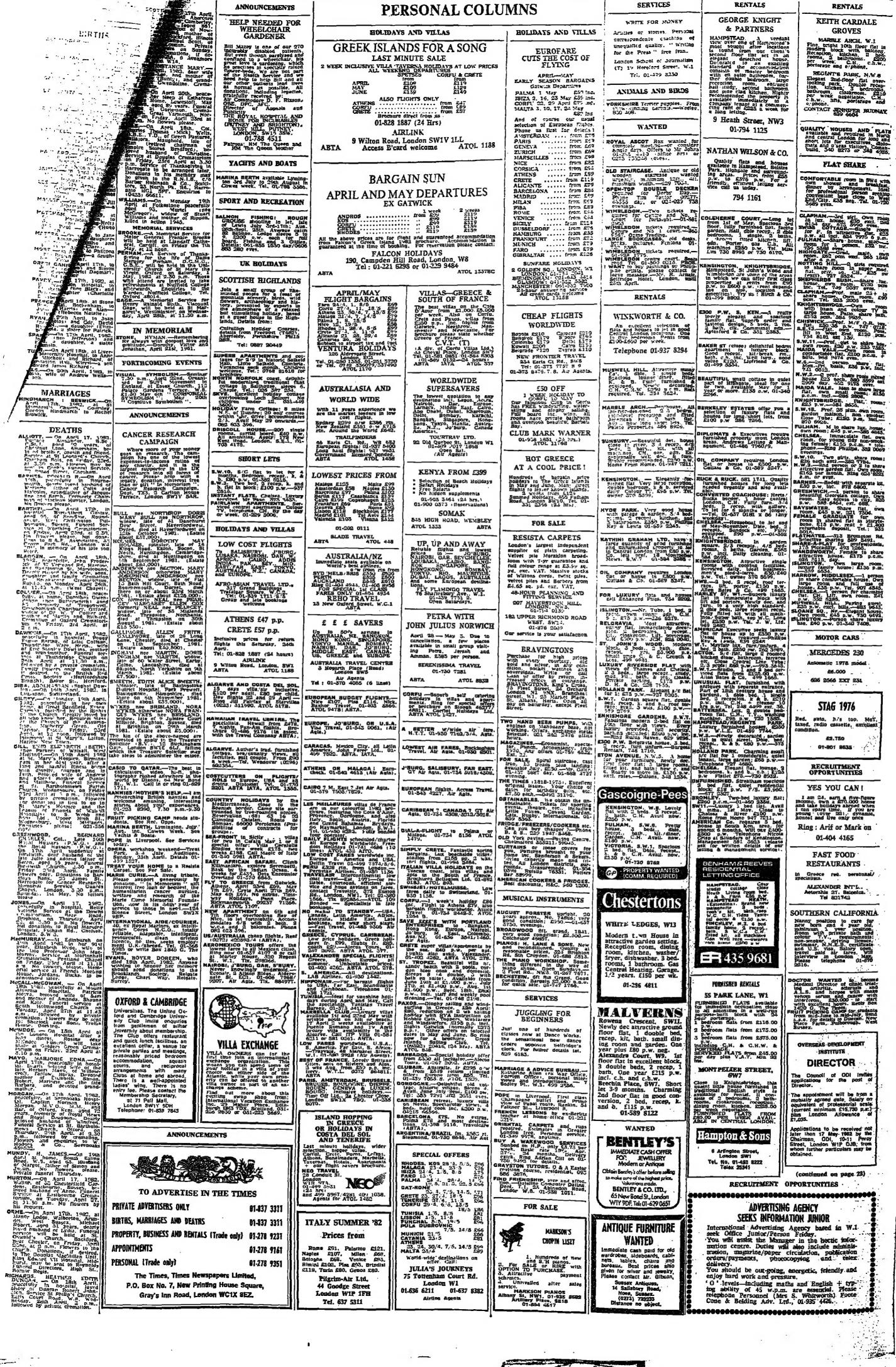
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5.40 Hawk of the Wildernesa\* Episode 11: Valley of the Skulls.

6.35 The Ascent of Man. Dr

7.35 News with subtitles.

of an examination into the role of a barrister.(r)

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9.30 Cartoon: Barney Google and Snuffy Smith in Judhald for President. 9.40 The World We Live In. A history of the horse. 10.05 The History Makera: Elizabeth the First. 10.30 Einstein. 11.25 Paint Along with Nancy. Landscapes (r). 11.55 The Bubblies (r). 12.00 The Munch Bunch. Adventures Bubbiles (r). 12.00 The Munch Bunch. Adventures of animated vegetables. 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets. 12.30 Play it Agein. Ian Carmichael chooses clips from some of his tavourite time.

1.00 Hews. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Crown.
Court. Continuing the case of the young man accused of assaulting his former schoolmaster.

2.00 After Noon Plus. Mary Parkinson investigates cotton ciothes for children with sensitive skin. 2.25 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces the Warran Stakes (2.30): the City and Suburban Warren Stakes (2.30); the City and Suburbar Handleap (3.05); and the Great Surrey Handleap (3.35) 3.50 Definition (7).

4.20 Animals in Action. Cold blooded reptiles. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Epsode 15 of the drama series about a football club.

5.15 Mr Herlin. Comic adventures of a wizard disguised as a garage manager, 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Ujima, a charity that provides cheap temporary accommodation for young black people with housing difficulties. 6.35 Crossroads. Paul Ross, the new restaurant manager, brushes with Jill Harvey.

7.00 Where There's Life. Drs Stoppard and Buckman visit a Texas surgeon whose passion is rodeos. We go with him to the operating theatre and to a rodeo and hear his unusual views on medicine and people.

7.30 Coronation Street, Jack Duckworth gets involved with Bet Lynch. What will be the reaction of his wile?

8.00 Secombe with Music. An hour of music and laughter. Among his guests are Roy Castle, Tim Rice and Julian Lloyd Webber.

### 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.

9.05 News with John Humphrys.

9.30 Rough Justice: The Case of Little Boy .
Sie. Martin Young investigates the case in which John Walters was found guilty of assaulting a young girl on a train between. Wimbledon and Waterloo. The victim said her assaulant was between 5ft 7ins and 5ft time tell still built built week 1 7ins and 5ft time tell still built built week 1 7ins and 5ft time tell still built built was the second the said the sa 9ins tall slimly built and this was backed up by three railwaymen who saw the man board the train. Walters is 6ft tall and

10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter.
Alan Weeks reports from Helsinki on the
World Ice Hockey Championship Qualifying
match between Russia and the United
States. Harry Carpenter introduces
highlights of last night's fight between the
flyweights Charlie Magn of Great Britain
and Bon Clanerie from the Linited States and Ron Cisneros from the United States.

10.50 A Question of Guilt. The first episode of a three-part reconstruction of the events that led, in 1752, to Mary Blandy awaiting her execution in Oxford Castle.

11.45 News headlines and weather.

Mary Rose. The story of the Tudor warship and the work involved in its restoration.(r) .9.00 Butterflies. Comedy stories about a middle aged couple and two late-teenaged sons. Tonight their younger son, Adam, has been litted by his girlfriend and refuses to eat.(r) 9.30 The Woman in White. Episode two of the mystery story, faithfully adapted from the novel by Wilkie Collins, introduces the two villains, Sir

10.25 Lindean Mill Glass. The story of David Kaplan and Annika Sandstrom who saw the potential of a deretict mill white on holiday in the Borders. They converted it into a glass workshop where they now produce handmade glasswere sing traditional Scandinavian

Badel).

Percival Glyde (John Shrapnel)

and Count Fosco (the late Alan

10.40 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party. 10.45 Newsnight. Ends at 11.35.

9.00 | Remember Nelson. Chapter two: Passion. How our famous Admiral is seen through the eyes of the husband he cuckoided, Sir William Hamilton. While recovering from wounds inflicted at the Battle of the Nile, Nelson falls for the young wife of his host, the British Ambassador to the Court of Naples. John Clements plays Hamilton, Geraldine James his wife Emma and Kenneth Colley is Nelson.

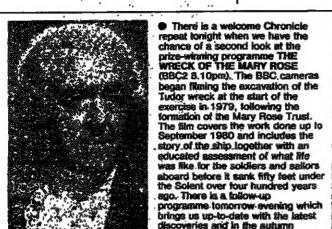
Conservative Party.

European roccall competition matches leaturing one of the surviving English teams. Aston Villa meet Anderlecht in the second leg of European Cup semi-final in Belgium white Spurs travel to Spain to play Barcelona in the second leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. 12.00 Superstar Profile. Catherine Laporte

12.30 Close with Dr Joseph Needham.



Coolen talks to Close Encounters director Steven Spielberg (r).



John Clements as Sir William Hamilton (TTV 9.00pm)

### repeat tonight when we have the CHOICE chance of a second look at the prize-winning programme THE WRECK OF THE MARY ROSE (BBC2 8.10pm). The BBC cameras hull of the warship is finally lifted to

A WORLD IN COMMON (Radio 4 7.45pm) is an eight programme series on the relations between the developed, or rich, countries of the North and the underdeveloped, or poor, countries of the South. Following on from the Brandt Commission findings Emanuel de Kadt, a Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex and Den Snowman, the producer of the series, consider the relationships between the world's haves and the discoveries and in the autumn
Chronicle intend to transmit the first live underwater broadcast when the cach other? Over the next eight

eks de Kadt and Snowman talk to people from all strates of society in every continent to find the answers.

• In THE RIGHT TO ROAM (Radio 4 4.10pm) Stanley Williamson recalls the events which occured on hikers set off from Hayfield in Derbyshire to mass trespass on the

grouse moors of Kinder Scout. This show of deflance came quickly to a predictable end. The landowners had marshalled their gamekeepers, backed up by the local constabulary, and the two factions met head on. A gamekeeper was injured and six hitters arrested and served between two and six months in prison for 'riotous behaviour'. open up the countryside for the rambier, a campaign that some

### Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Ferming Today.
6.30 Today.
6.30 Today.
6.30 Today's News.
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8.33 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather and Travel. 9.00 News. 8.05 Midweek; Henry Kelly.†

10.00 News.

10.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
Listeners' questions.

10.30 Daily Service.

10.45 Morning Story: "Alice Buchan and the Milk of Human IGnoness" by Fred Urguhart.

11,00 News. 11,03 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker

with records.†
12.00 Naws.
12.02 You and Yours,
12.27 The Other Side of Silence. The novel by Ted Althoury drametized in eight parts (3) "A Meeting in Red Square".†
12.55 Weether and Travel,
1.00 The World at Othe.
1.40 The Archers,
2.00 Hevrs.
2.00 Hevrs.
2.02 Weman's Hour
1.00 Naves and Travel.
3.02 Play: "Bitthe Thou Never West". A comedy by Alan Meetille.
2.47 Time for Verse. George MacBeth presents more pooms about animals.

4.00 News, 4.02 Pleasures of the Table with Yven Leclarc. 4.10 The Right to Roam. The history

4.10 The Right to Roam. The history of the campaign by walkers to gain access to the countryside, and the views of some present-day campaigners.

4.46 Story Time: "2 for Zachariah" by Robert O'Brien (7).

5.00 PM.

5.55 Weether and Programme.

6.00 News and Financial Report.

6.30 Frank. Muir Goes Into ... Cookery.†

7.00 News.

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7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint (new series). Roger Cooke investigates listaners' experiences of suspect dealing

# 7.45 A World on Common (new sense). The first of eight documnary programmes exam-ming the relationships between the richer and the poorer

me richer and the poorer countries of the world.

8.15 Voices in Harmony. Marion Foster presents a showcase for amateur choirs.†

8.45 Edgar Moover — Fallen Idol. Anthony Howard presents a critical profile of the founder of the FBI, who died 10 years and

ago. Saleidoscope presented by Paul Vaughan. The programme includes a review of the London Silver 1680-1780 exhibition at the Museum of London which traces the styles of three generations of the Countaid family of poldsmiths; and Terry

family of goldsmiths; and Terry Hands's new production of Much Ado About Nothing for the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford.

9.59 Weather.
10.00 The world Tonight.
10.30 Detective. A story of crime and detection in London.
11.00 A Book at Bedinne: "The Great Brown-Pericord Motor" by Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 Neurs and Weather.

11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News and Weather.
ENGLAND: VHF — with 1f above except as follows: 6.25-6.30 am Weather and Travel.
10.30-10.45 Knockdown Ginger, Rolf Harris opens the door to children on holday; † 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News.
5.50-5.55 PM (continued).
11.00 Study on 4. 11.30-12.10 am Open University.

### Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Record re-

9.05 This Week's Bliss; records †
10.00 BBC Northern Sympho Northern Symphony cert: Haydn, Weber, Bar11.10 Apolio s Banquet Chamber music recitat: Pleyel, Schubert, Mozant, Susameyr.† 12.05 Sibelius and Salfinen BBC Scottes Symphony Orchestra

Scottash Symphony Orchestra concert,†

1.00 News.

1.05 Concert Hait Two Piano recital: Ravel, Rachmaninov.†

2.00 Music Weekly.†

2.50 Franch Songs Recital: Hahn, Faure, Poulsenc.†

3.30 Stutigani Chamber Orchestra Concert: Corelli, Händemith; records.†

4.00 Choral Evensong from Wake-held Cathedral.†

held Cathedral.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mamly for Pleasure.†
7.00 Genes, Mind and Culture
Professor Edward Witson
argues his theory in which
genetic heritage and cultural
behaviour are inextricably
linked with three eminent academics. Chalred by Joi

academics. Chalred by John Maddox.†

8.00 Music of Eight Decades Concert direct from the Royal Festival Half, London. Part 1: Birtwistle, Berg.†

8.55 The Living Poet. Edward Kamau Brathwaite reads a selection of his poetry.

9.25 Concert Part 2: Ives.†

10.10 Mr Bitager in Sicity, Short story 10.10 Mr Blaser in Sicily. Short story by Leonardo Sciascia 10.30 The Apotheosis of Luily

10.30 The Apotheosis of Lully Franços Couperin; record.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Britten Conducks Grainger Record.†
VHF only — Open University:
6.15am France: The Nation State, 6.35-6.55 Television and Politics (5), 11.40pm Individual Differences 12.00 Botswana: School and Development School and Development 12.20am Positivism and the Micro World, 12.40-1.00 Hume's "Enquiry".

Radio 2 .00 Nick Page.† 7.30 Ray Moore.† a.00 Nick Page, † 7.30 Ray Moore, †
10.00 Jimmy Young, † 12.00 Gloria
Hunnilord, † 2.00 Ed Stewart † 4.00
David Hamilton 5.45 News and Sport,
6.00 John Dunn, † 8.00 Alan Dell, 8.30
Among Your Souvenirs, † 9.15
Semprini Serenade, † 10.00 Tom
Mennard, 10.15 Cider 'n' Song with
The Yettles (new series), 10.30 Hubert

News 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary 5.45 The World Today

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### **REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS**

Cymru/Wates 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wates, 6.00-6.25 Wates Today, 7.30-8.00 Heddhy, 8.00-8.30 QED "Proof of the Pudding". 8.30-9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lade? 11.45 News and weather. Scottland 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottlath News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 11.45 News and Weather. Northern Ireland 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 Scene Around Skr. 11.45 News and weather. England 6.00pm-6.25 Regional News Magazines. 11.50 Close. " 8.30-9.00 Wh

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### TYNE TEES

As Thames except: Starts 9.20 The Good Word. 9.25 North East News. Good Word. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 The Nature of Things. 10.15 Kurn Kurn. 10.35 Cartoon Time. 10.45 Hopelong Caesidy. 11.50-12.00 Selfy and Jake. 1.20 North East News. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobe Are. 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 10.35-10.37 North East News. 11.45 Paydion Folk. 12.10 For the Deef. 12.15 Closedown.

### BORDER

As Themes except: Starts 9.35 are Sesame Street. 10.30 Film: The Card (Alec Gujaness) Adaptation of Arnold washerwomen becomes mayor, 1.20-1.30 pm News, 5.15-5.45 Radio, 6.00 Lookaround, 6.35-7.00 Crossroads, 11.45 News, 11.48 Closedown,

### As Thames except: Starts 9.40 am Beachcombers, 10.05 Mr Magoo.

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### HTV CYMRU/WALES As HTV West except: 12.00-12.10 pm Tŷ Bach Twt. 4.20 Mr Merin, 4.50-5.15 Doctor Snwgwl. 6.00 Y Dydd. 6.15-6.35 Report Wales.

### CHANNEL

As Thames except: Starts 12.00-12.10 pm Munch Bunch. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Charmel Report. 6.30-7.00 Bailey's Bud. 10.00-10.05 Life in France. 11.45 Danger UXB. 12.45 am Epilogue, Closedown.

### **GRANADA**

As Thames except: Starts 9.35 Village of the Rain Forest. 10.00-12.00 Film: A Night To Remember (Kenneth More). A dramatic reconstruction of the disaster that befolf the 'unsinkab Titanic. 1.29 Granada Reports. 1 da Reports. 1.30 countings Flags. 1.55-2.25 Crown Court. 6.00 This is your Right. 6.05 Croswroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada reports. 11.45 City of Angels. 12.45 Closedown.

As Thames except: 9.30 am Salty and Jake. 9.40 Sesame Street. 10.40-12.00 Film: The Oracle (Robert Beatty, 12.00 Film: The Oracle (Hobert Beatty, Virginia McKenna). A reporter in Instand gets racing tips from an oracle living at the bottom of a well. 1.20 per-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun, 5.20-5.45 Crossroeds. 6.00 Today South Wesl. 6.30 Tele Visws, 6.40-7-00 Sportsweek, 11.45 Danger UXB. 12.45 am Postscript. 12.51 Crossdrows.

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as Thamas except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Munch Bunch. 1.20-1.30 Lunchims. 5.15 Radio, 5.30-5.45 Good Evening Uister. 6.00 Good Evening Uister. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.45 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** 

As Thames except: Starts 9.40 am First Thing, 9.45 New Avengers, 10.35 Stingray, 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street, 1.20 pm-1.30 News, 5.15-5.45 Survival, 6.00 North Tonight, 6.35-7.00 Crossroads, 11.50 Seachd Leithagn, 12.20 am News, 12.25 7.00 Crossroads, 11.50 Seachd Leithean, 12.20 am News, 12.25

### SCOTTISH

mes except: 9.30 am Tatters. Land of Birds, 10.50 Cologne 10.20 Land of Birds, 10.50 Cologne Cathedral, 11.15-12.00 Story Hour, s. 5.10 Tr 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.10 Iraveier's Tales. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 1,1.45 Late Call. 11.50 Pro-Celebrity Snooker, 12.35 am Closedown.

### **ANGLIA**

As Thames except: 9.30am Cartoons. 9.35 Joy of Bach. 10.35 New Fred and Barney Show 11.00 Story of Tutankhamun. 11.50-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.45 Superstar Profile: Sylvester Stallone. 12.15am Big Question, Closedown.

### YORKSHIRE

As Thames except: 9.30am Sally and Jake. 9.40 Sesame Street: 10.40 New Accelerators, 11.05 Animated Classics, 11.55-12.00 Captain Nemo, 1.20-1.30 News, 5, 15-5, 45 Private Benjamin, 6.00 Calendar, 6.35-7.00 Crossroads, 11.45 Jazz and Blues; 88 King, 12.15am Closedown.

As Thames except: Starts 9.35 am Unfamed World: 10.00 Animaled Classics: 10.50 Bailey's Bird: 11.15 New Fred and Barney Show. 11.40-12.00 European Folk Tales. 1.20-1.30 pm News, 5.15 Radio. 5.30-5.45 Coast to Coast. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.45 Jazz & Blues: Blind John Davis. 12.20 em

### CENTRAL

As Thames except Starts 9.20 am 3-2-1 Contact, 9,50 Venture, 10,15 Angling, 10,40 Electric Theatre Show: James Coburn, 11,10-12,00 Big Shamus, Little Shamus, 1.20 pm-1.30 News, 5,15 Radio, 6.00 Crossroads, 6,25-7.00 News, 11.45 Manns, 12.45

### Divisional Court

### Law Report April 21 1982

Queen's Bench Division

# No evidence to support extradition

Before Lord Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice Forbes [Judgment delivered April 6]

In respect of deaths caused by reckless driving, manshaughter which had to be construed "according to the law existing in England.... at the date of the alleged crime".

Under the Treaty, it had to be construed so the Road Traffic Act 1972 as amended. The Divisional Court so beld granting an application for a writ of habesa corpus directed to the Governor of Hollaway prison by Gail Anne Jennings who was committed to prison on April 23, 1981 on the varrant of the stipendiary magistrate at Bow Street, upon an application for extradition to Californis by the Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles.

Mr Mark Littman, QC and Mr John Nutting for the applicant; the spilicant that in a menshaughter in the granting for the applicant; the received to the offence of causing the received to the offence of causing death by reckless driving with a leave to make the same value brown in with a leave the construct in the conduct and either been replaced or reduced to vestigal survival by the statutory of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as amended. The Divisional the meaning of Article III.

On behalf of the applicant it was committed to prison on April 23, 1981 on the warrant of the stipendiary magistrate at Bow Street, upon an application for extradition to Californis by the Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles.

Mr Mark Littman, QC and Mr John Nutting for the applicant; the reduced of the offence of causing death by reckless driving and the reduced to the strategation of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as amended. The description of manslaughter in the same value been replaced or reduced to the applicant it was contended that the conduct an extradition crime nor an extradition crime nor an extradition to a charge because the significant to prison an application for extradition to Californis by the Deputy District Attorney, County of Los Angeles.

Mr Mark Littman, QC and Mr John Nutting for the applicant to the description of manslaughter bec

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, in a reserved judgment, said that the applicant was now aged 21 years. At about 7.30 pm on August 21, 1978 she was driving a car along Grand Avenue in the city of El Segundo in California. At an intersection she attempted to turn left and in so doing collided with the rear of another car. She drove on followed by the other car until at the next intersection she braked violently but failed to stop at the stop sign, continued over the intersection and collided with a cyclist, severely injuring him. As cyclist, severely injuring him. As a result he died on September 13,

She was interviewed by a police officer whom she told that the heel of her shoe had got jammed under the pedals, preventing her from stopping. He formed the opinion that she was under the influence of alcohol and that was handirmed by a blood sample tonfirmed by a blood sample tyken from her. She was charged with "felony drunk driving" and

On September 7, 1978 she and her mother boarded a plane for England where she had remained

On June 6, 1979 a charge of manslaughter in violation of section 192 of the Penal Code of california, namely, unlawfully killing a human being without malice but with gross-negligence, was added with a view to extradition proceedings. On July 24, 1979 extradition proceedings were initiated based on that

The validity of the warrant of committal to prison depended on the provisions of the Extradition Act 1870 and the terms of the Extradition Treaty of June 8, 1972 between the United Kingdom and the United States. It had to be shown that the conduct relied upon by the requesting state amounted to an "extra-dition crime" which was defined in section 26 as a crime which if committed in England would be one of the crimes described in

In re Gail Anne Jennings the first Schedule to the 1870 penalties. The prosecution would before Lord Justice Ormrod and Act. The crime relied on was manufaculater which had to be judgment.

English law, although it could amount to the offence of causing death by reckless driving.

Alternatively, if it could amount in law to manslaughter, the evidence in this case would not justify committal for trial in such a charge because in 1978 no reasonable jury would convict of manslaughter on such evidence.

Further, the evidence before the magistrate did not prove that the conduct alleged amounted to an extradictable offence because it did not amount to manslaughter within the meaning of Article III.

It was argued that the common-law offence of manslaughter in relation to death common death of manslaughter in relation to death common death of manslaughter in relation to death common death of manslaughter.

It was a well known fact that the meaning of the meaning of the meaning of the meaning of t

offence in relation to deaths caused by driving.

Mr Nicholls submitted that the common-law offence survived to the extent that the prosecution had an option to charge manislughter in very serious cases. Formidable difficulties were inherent in that submission because it involved the concept of degrees of recklessness which would make the task of the judge who had to direct a jury how to distinguish between the statutory offence and the common-law offence extremely difficult and offence extremely difficult and solutions of the solution of the statutory offence extremely difficult and offence of values other than the Crown claimed that an differences in the maximum

found it necessary to create the statutory offence of causing death by reckless driving with a lesser maximum penalty by section 8 of the Road Traffic Act 1956.

Desmood v Thorn and Others Before Mr Justice Taylor [Judgment delivered April 7]

In considering whether there was a clear prima facie case of the control of t

# Circumstances of criminal libel

In considering whether there was a clear prima facie case of criminal libel and in considering whether the public interest required the institution of proceedings against a newspaper, a judge must look at all the circumstances of the case Mr Justice Taylor said when refusing an application under section 8 of the Libel Amendment Act 1888 by Faul Desmond to bring 8 of the Libel Amendment Act 1888 by Paul Desmond to bring proceedings for criminal libel against two reporters, the editor and the proprietors of the Sunday People newspaper. It was alleged that they were all responsible for the publication of an article on November 15, 1981, headed "Bully boasts "I beat a tragic deb".

As a result of the assault she went with her young son to Erin began in a studio and ended in a Pizzey's home for battered wives. Public bouse. The two reporters produced the article together and if they thought there as a result of which he was brought before the magistrates the produced the article together and if they thought there are a result of which he was brought before the magistrates the control of the produced the article together and if they thought there was a strong probability or presumption the jury would acquire the produced the proposed plea of justification and if they thought there was a strong probability or presumption the jury would acquire the produced the produ

paper was prepared to pay. As a result a reporter was despatched to interview him and was handed ment in the county jail, thus making the offence a misdemeanour and not a falony, or, more accurately, converting it to a misdemeanour by their recommendation.

An intelligent layman might consider in those circumstances that her offence did not fall within the description of a felony for the purposes of the Treaty.

Mr MISTICE TAYLOR delivering in the article were unchallenged.

The applicant was a poet Miss purposes of the Treaty.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Director of Public Prosecutions.

when she returned to the applicant he made further threats as a result of which he was as a result of which he was published. The applicant wrote to the produced the article to the newspaper and to the Press court. He pleaded guilty to a charge of threatening behaviour and was fined.

Jessica left him and took up with a South African mentioned in the article and there was talk of marriage but she died in October 1981 aged 34. The Daily Mail published an article which referred to beatings by her boyfriend and her stay with Erin Pixey but the applicant's name was not mentioned.

On October 30, the applicant telephoned the Sunday People and offered to sell his story if the paper was prepared to pay. As a of passages in the typescript

The result he said was to portray him as a habitually violent drunken bully, a braggart who was callous and unfeeling. Mr Browne pointed to a number of passages in the typescript which he said were to the same effect as the passages complained of as fabrications in the article and to other parts which were consistent with the reporters' accounts of what was said to them.

accounts of what was said to them.

It was clear that if untrue the article was capable of constituting a serious libel. By section 6 of the Libel Act 1843 a defence to a charge of criminal libel could be raised on indictment only if there was an express plea that the words complained of were true and their publication was for the public benefit.

Section 4 of the Newspaper Libel and Registration Act 1881 allowed committing justices in a

The applicant submitted that is an application under section 3 of the Libel Ameridment Açı 1888 a judge should wear blinkers and look only at the case for the applicant because he was only required to guard against frivolous and vexatious proceedings.

That approach was simplistic That approach was simplistic and wholly misconceived. The judge's function was to decide whether or not a prosecution should be instituted and to do that he was entitled and indeed bound to look at all the circumstances before coming to a conclusion as to whether there was a clear prima facie case.

was a clear prima facie case.

On the facts of the present case, it was far from satisfactory whether there was a case so clear as to be beyond argument a case to answer. The admitted facts took much of the sting out of the article and the applicant's own script contained passages which tended to confirm both the tenor and detail of the article. Further it was quite clear that this was not a case in which the public interest required the institution of criminal proceedings.

# Loan to own company no settlement for tax

In Henderson v Sherbourne (1837) 2 M & W 236) Lord Abinger said: "If a cross is receased by stratute with a givent penalty, and be afterwards repeated in another statute with a lesser penalty attached to it, 2 lesser penalty attach

arrangement."

But it had long been recognized that Parliament could not have intended that definition to extend as widely as a literal reading might suggest. In the Phammer case it was held that a transaction could only be within the definition if it was one which contained an element of bounty. In Chinn the House of Lords held that it might be enough for the that it might be enough for the transaction to contain an element of derivative bounty of the kind conferred by the exercise of a

The Crown relied on that case, arguing that the company benefited from the loan without any assumption by them of any correlative obligation for the payment of interest. Accordingly it was said that there was an always of bounts in the ages. lement of bounty in the case.

To that there was an obvious and conclusive answer. As Lord Roskill said in Chinn, a commer-cial transaction devoid of any element of bounty was not within the definition of "settlement". Something that would otherwise be a commercial transaction devoid of bounty did not cease to be such merely because he who was at the receiving end of it did not assume any correlative obligation. The loan did not involve any bounty on Mr Levy's

Clearly there was no disposi-tion, agreement or other transaction with in the meaning of section 454(3). The com-missioners on the material before them could have come to no other conclusion. The Crown's appeal was a hopeless one and had to be dismissed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland

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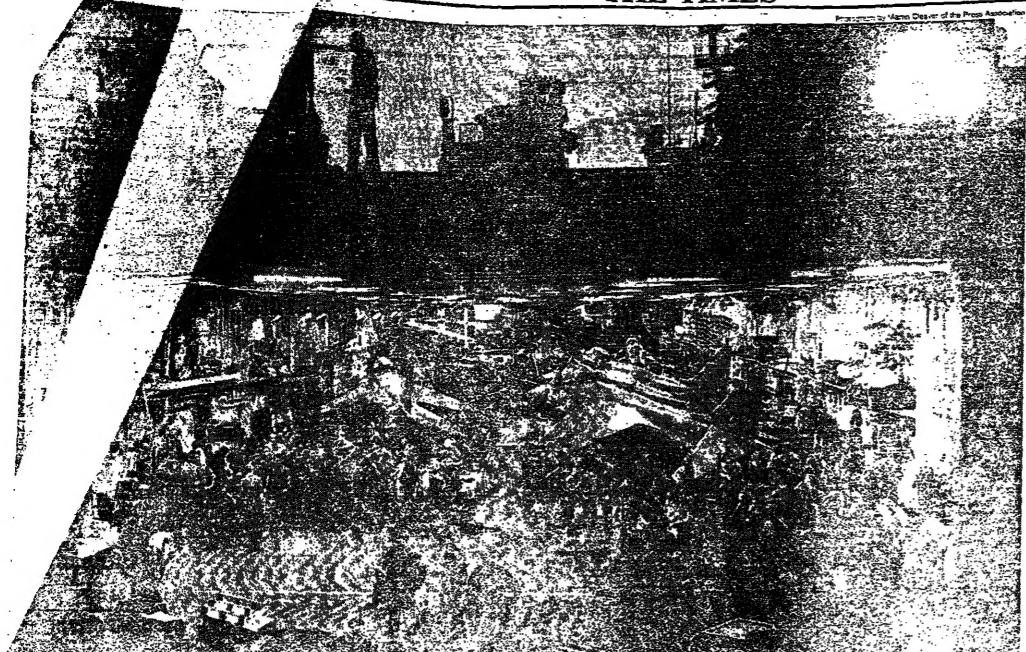
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Against a background of Sea Harriers and Sea King helicopters, Royal Marines line up at dawn for a weapons theck on board HMS Harmas.

### Naval force 'heads for S Georgia' but Whitehall stays silent

continued from page 1 Mr David Crouch and Sir William van Straubenzee seemed to have been among the very few who were anxious about the possible use of force. The majority of those who spoke were said to have sounded impatient at the delayed arrival of the task force in the South Atlantic and at the continued diplomatic activity.

None the less, the party as a whole is strongly in support, for the time being, of the Government's policy Mr David Crouch and Sir

the Government's policy of seeking a diplomatic solution with the naval task force to strengthen their

ships heading towards South the passes and anti-aircrait Georgia, was received non-frigates and anti-aircrait committally in Whitehall destroyers ahead to join the yesterday. But it was not submarines in the Falklands denied. (Henry Stanhope area within the next 48 hours, it is learnt authoritatively. But the Government is

### Widespread criticism of junta's refusal to involve politicians your country will be respon-

Potential differences among Conservative MPs emerged in broadcast interviews yesterday. Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the

backbench 1922 committee, said on ITN's News at One programme that the Argentine proposals marked the beginning rather than the end of the negotiations. "We should go on negotiating through every means open to us."

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read in the papers. If the Reports in several Argentine junta want us to step-up newspapers said today that support for the reconquest of the Malvinas (Falklands) they have got to let us know the real state of negotiations."

It appears that the military leaders told Mr Alexander Haig, the american secretary of State, theat a final decision would have to be reached by December 31 and response in several Argentine Reports in several Argentine newspapers said today that Mr Haig told the junia that their proposals for peace might not go far enough to sanisfy the British government. "If they are turned down there will be war", he is reported as saying. Senior Nicanor Costa Mendez, the reached by December 31 and

Senior Mendez went to Casa Rosada this afternoon for consultation with General Galileri and there was some suggestion tonight that he might travel to Washington, but the Foreign Ministry refused to comment

'Nixon drunk' denial

New York. — Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Sec-retary of State, has denied that President Nixon was ever drunk while facing crucial decisions. Speaking in a television programme, he rebutted allegations in the May issue of Atlantic magazine that Mr Nixon was frequently drunk at critical

### Frank Johnson in the Commons

### Jenkins rolls a jowl at the Falklands

Still no sign of the eventual outcome in the South Atlantic: but there was some movement yesterday on the home front. It took the form of Mr Roy lenkins.

The movement was in-itially confined to those rather distinguished jowls of his. They began to roll about the moment Mrs Thatcher arrived for Prime Minister's question time. While she answered other Members, the rest of Mr Jenkins began to move importently in his seat below the gangway facing her

He consulted some notes. He advanced to the edge of his seat with some deliberation. It was clear that he was going to put a question. This was in itself an event of a certain significance. Nothing had so far been heard from him in this crisis. Since it arose, he had all but disappeared from the public gaze.

This absence was all the more marked because in the days immediately before the Argentine action he was the subject of all our attention. He had won Hillhead. He had taken his seat. He has had taken his seat. He has put a notably incomprehensible, but no doubt distinguished, maiden question to the Prime Minister about micro-chips. All things seemed possible for him. But within days Dr David Owen had seized the SDP controls and was roaring away on the subject of submarines, frigates, and vertical take-off.

Dr. Owen is at home with or Owen is at home with such matters. Mr Jenkins is not. Like Switzerland, he is prosperous, comfortable, civilized and almost entirely landlocked. His only previous contact with the high seas has been in various good fish restaurants.

### Registered as a statesman

Instead of the vertical, he offers the horizontal takeshake a few hands in a shopping precinct after an afternoon nap at a by-elec-

tion.

In addition to all these disqualifications for the times in which we at present live, one suspects that he is almost certainly a Carringtonian at heart: a man of the world who believes that the Falklands

are a far away country of which we now know too much So it is an appalling situation in which he finds himself so soon after his triumphant return. None the less, being officially registered as a statesman, he just had to put up a show sooner or later. So yesterday he rose.

There was a murmur of expectation on both sides of the House, much of it slightly ironic. They all knew that Mr Jenkins was not really the man for the

### Darting fish-like movement

"Will the Right Hon Lady, in view of the strong lady, in view of the strong all-party support which the Government has rightly received during the past two-and-half weeks." he began, "bear in mind that she will be expected to take future, I hope and believe, unrushed decisions..." At this point, as well as the

At this point, as well as the statesman's emphasis on the word "unrushed", he made one of the two famous hand movements he deploys to illustrate anything. One is a turn of the wrist with half-closed palm as if he is unscrewing a light built. The other is a darting, fishlike movement of the whole hand. Yesterday we got the hand. Yesterday we got the darting, fish-like movement. in an equally non-party way. This demands more than merely asking the Paymaster General (Mr Cecil Parkinson), who is chairman of the Conservative Paymaster Center of the Center tive Party, to a meeting of senior ministers last night. Will she seriously consider the proposal made by the hon Member for Cardiff?"

Whereupon, he sat down. And that was his grand design? Apparently so. Research revealed that Mr Jenkins was referring to Mr Howells the Liberal Member from Cardigan. His proposal? All-party consultations, apparently. That, then, was the Jenkins strategy to deal with Galtieri: tea at number ten. "I must confess, I had expected a more fundamental point from the Right Hon Whereupon, he sat down. point from the Right Hon Gentleman," Mrs Thatcher told him.

But we still do not know Mrs Thatcher's intentions. In a few days, the Jenkins All-Party Tea Force may look the less risky plan. By

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### Today's events

rairon. Nurfield Farming Scholarship Trust, attends selection
committee for United Kingdom
Scholars. Nuffield College, Regent's Park, London, 11.45.
The Duke of Kent visits 27th
Annual International Gas Turbine Conference and Exhibition,
Wembley Conference Centre and
Arena, 3.15

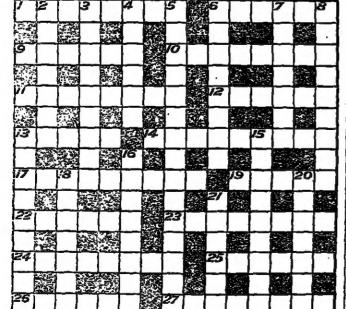
Exhibitions in progress
Sculptures by Oscar Nemon,
Ashmolean Museum, Oxford;

Mon to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4; | Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5, (until May | Queen's birthday Royal engagements
The Duke of Cloucester,
Patron. Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust, attends selection committee for United Kingdom and Scholarship Trust, attends selection committee for United Kingdom and Scholarship Trust, attends selection archip Trust, attends selection and Scholarship Trust, attended selection

(until May 23).

Drawings, watercolours and graphic work by Oskar Koko-schka, Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield; Mon to

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15.811



### ACROSS

- 1 Bit of jazz by river a very noisy rabble (4-4)
  6 Aspects of reality about English society (6)
  9 Conflict about name in
- Hastings (6) 10 One new blend that is no good
- as food (8) 11 Message reporting mineral spring in the trench (8) 12 Redevelopment of quiet rural
- belt (6)
- 13 Take courage from a French
- soldier (5) 14 Painter's technique is sweeping (9)
- 17 Receive capital review (4,5)
- course (6)
- 23 Bound to impede mobility for instance (3)
- 24 Drive too close to rear entrance (4-4)
- 25 Sovereign having one of mese, or four? (6) 25 Strong as the village blacksauth (6)

### 27 Newly developed diets are more reliable (8) DOWN

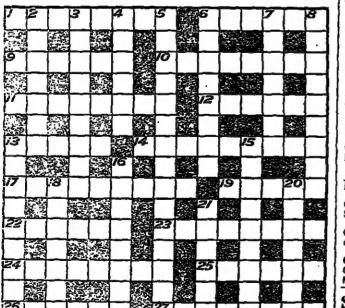
### 2 Gets drunk at cocktail parties - what language! (7) 3 Pudding Lane sounds great!

- 4 Crafty agent traps a relative

# and Sun 2 to 5; (until May 2).

The Dark Hills, the Heavy

Clouds: paintings and drawings of Wales, National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5,



- 5 Plane logs to make banned by Union (6-9) 6 On this loose heel there's n
  - charge (4,4) 7 How does love seize me? Comes up to something prohibitive (7) 8 Fleece Uriah's family afte
  - opening of sale (9) 13 Last month Muslim leader accepted Trade Union's last demand (9)
    15 Where to cross the river for
  - glass (9) 16 Figures of a chiseller betray ing a trust? Ay! (8)
    18 Writer takes a nap
    heather (7)
- 13 Gertrude needs gun to capture one (5)
  22 The dear child makes witty remark about university

  29 Does the burning of it so enrage some people? (7)
  21 Her lover was sore distressed mind (6)

### Solution of Puzzle No 15,810

An Alternative Art; exhibition of American primitive painting, Museum and Art Gallery, Worth-ing: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, (until May 1). Drawings and prints by Stepha

nie Fryer; Museum Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Sat

The Anatomy of the Horse by George Stubbs, Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, Suffolk; Tues to Sat 12 to 12.30 and 2 to 5 (until May 16).

### Talks, lectures

Acupuncture, by Dr Michael Cohen, Roundshaw Library, Mollison Drive, Roundshaw, Wallington, Sutton, 8.15.
Medieval Stained Windows, illustrated talk by Patricia Bourke, Usher Gallery, Lincoln, 7.30

John's Smith Square, Hexagon, Reading, 7.30. Concert by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Queens Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 7.45. Recital by Marisa Robles and

Christopher Hyde-Smith, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, 7.30. Handel's Messiah, by Halle Choir and Lancashire Chamber Orchestra, St Anne's Church, Manchester, 7.30.

### Sporting fixtures

Football: First Division: West Bromwich Albion v Manchester City (7.30). One third division and two fourth division matches.

Racing: Flat at Epsom (2) and
Ripon (2.45). NH at Cheltenham

Tennis: British hard court champiouships, Bournemouth. Cricket: Cambridge University v Glamorgan (11.30 to 6.30).

### Anniversaries

Births: Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, Stettin, 1729; Friedrich Froebel, German edu-cationist, Ober Wiessbach, Germany, 1782; Charlotte Bronte, Thornton, Yorks, 1816; Henry Thorncon, Yorks, 1816; Henry VII died at Richmond, Surrey, 1509; Mark Twain died at Redding, Conn., USA, 1910.

### Marathon party

After the London Marathon on May 9, the whole of the covered market area at Covent Garden is to be taken over for an evening jamboree following the presen-tation of the marathon prizes intion of the marathon prizes inder the portico of St Paul's Church. There will be buskers and jazz bands, stilt walkers. Disney characters and a fairground. Six thousand tickets at £2 each are now on sale in aid of the Greater Loudon Fund for the Blind, and are obtainable. From the Loudon Funds the Loudon Funds. the London Tourist Information Centre at Victoria Station (01-730 0791) or from County Hall (01-633 1633 or 633 1721).

The Queen was born on April 21, 1926, at 17 Bruton Street, London. There will be a 41 gun salute by the King's Troop, Royal sainte by the King's Iroop, Royal Horse Artillery, in Hyde Park topposite the Dorchester Hotel) at 12; and a 62 gun salute by the Honourable Artillery Company, Taver Wharf, EC3, at 1.

### Roads

condon and the South-east: M1: Entry and exit at junction 13 (Bedford A5140) closed; major repairs between junctions 12 and 13. A281: Temporary signals at Cowfold, S of Horsbam. A12:

Cowfold, S of Horsbam. A12:
Overnight repairs W of Chelmsford; long delays.

Midlands: A625: Closed at Mam
Tor., Derbyshire, diversion. A5:
Single line traffic and temporary
signals N of Nuneaton. A45:
Temporary signals near junction
16 of M1; also between Wellingborough and Little Irchester,
Northamptonshire.

Bourke, Usher Gallery, Lincoln, 7.30.

Music

Dorset County Museum Music
Society Concert, Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, 8.
Concert by Bristol Sinfonia, Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, Hexagon, Reading, 7.30.

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Wales and the West: A449: Roadworks N of Whitehill Farm on Caerleon Monmouth road. A4042: Roadworks near Croesy-A4042: Roadworks near Croesyceiliog by-pass, between Newport and Pontypool. A303: Lane closures at Amesbury, Wiltshire. Scotland: A93: Temporary signals on Dundee Road; Perth. M90: Single lane northbound at junction 3 (Cowdenbeath); lane closures both ways at junction 2 (A823, Dunfermine). M9: Lane closures from Craigforth (junction 10) to Dumbarton Road.

### Postnotes

From today, postnotes
prepaid letters for mailing
anywhere in the United Kingdom
— will replace the old letter
cards. They fold together like
overseas aerogrammes, but are
made of stronger, better quality

paper.

Available from post offices at 21p each of £1 for five, they will be treated as first class mail but will have no fixed stamp value printed on them. This means they can still be used after any future rise in postal charges without rive in postal charges additional payment. The pound

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### TV top ten

National top ten television pro-grammes in the week ending April 11:

Coronation Street (Wed) Granada (16.90m) The Benny Hill Thames (16.20m)

(Mon)

Coronation Street Minder. Thames (15m) 3-2-1, Yorkshire (13.80m)

Give Us A Clue, Thames (13.35m) Where There's Life . . . Yorkshire (12.85m) 7=Family (12.85m) Fortunes, Central

Crossroads (Tues) Central (12.60m) Crossroads (Wed) (12.45m)

and Sport (Sat) Dallas (13.25m) Open All Hours (12.45m) World Superstars '82 Superstars Top of the Pops (12.05m)
The Kenny Everett Television

Show (11.70m)
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (11.55m)
A Whale For The Killing (11.50m)Eleven (10.35m) Scarlet Years of Parkinson The 5 (1,0.20m) Bucaneer

BBC 2 Pot Black '82 (8.95m) Marti Caine (6.15m) Nancy Astor (Wed and Sun (5.75m) Des O'Connor Tonight

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(5.20m) The Treasure of Sierra Madre
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### The papers

Argentina has moved a fair bit since the first heady days of occupation, says the Daily Mirror, but it must still move a

Morning Telegraph, Sheffield urges-the Government to complete the blockade of the Falklands by declarating an air exclusion zone, which could only be interpreted as a defensive act

The Washington Post yester-day said if Argentina has made further United States mediation in the Falklands dispute pointless, then the Reagan Adminis-tration should now support Le Figaro yesterday said the lesson to be drawn from this crisis is how easily an armed conflict can arise and grow in a world of shrinking distances.

### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Government's White Paper on covernment's water saper on expenditure plans.
Lords (2:30): Debate on the consequences of privatizing publicly owned companies.

### Weather forecast

A weak trough will move into W Scotland and N Ireland.

### 6 am to midnight

London, SE, Central S and SW England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dry. variable cloud, sunny intervals; wind variable, light; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

E, NW, Central N and NE England. N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable or W, light; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F). rders, Edinburgh and Dundee.

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly dry, bright or sunny periods, becoming cloudier later; wind V, light to moderate; max temp 12 to 14C (44 to 57F).

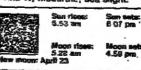
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Orkney, Shelland: Bright or sunny at first, becoming cloudler with rain;

first. becoming cloudier with rain; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max tamp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Outlock for tomorrow and Friday:
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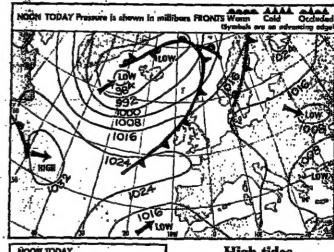
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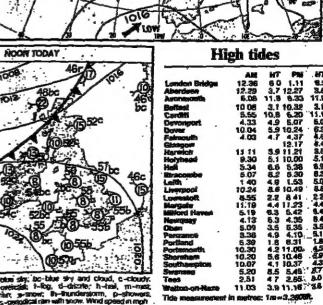
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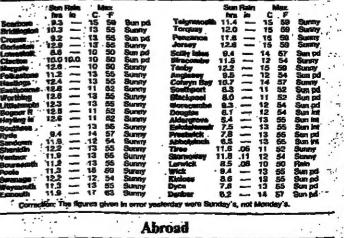
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